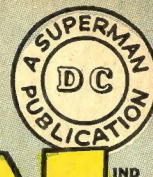


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BULLETS
FLYING!**
**KEEP ON
BUYING
WAR BONDS
& STAMPS!**

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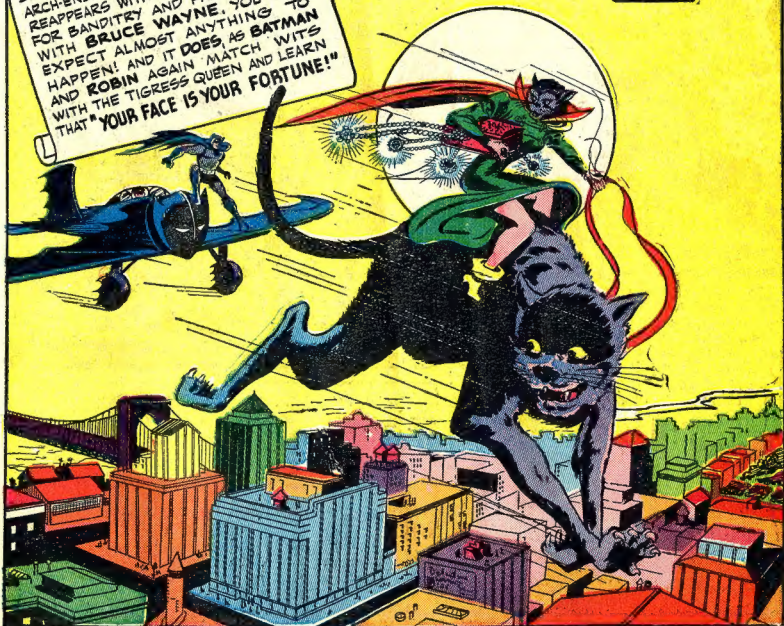
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

BENEATH THE DARK DENIM OF THAT STERN FIGURE OF THE NIGHT... **BATMAN!**... BEATS A TENDER, GENEROUS HEART! A HEART THAT CAN BE MOVED BY SORROW, THAT CAN BE MERCIFUL TO THE UNFORTUNATE... AND THAT CAN SOFTEN TO THE WHISPERS OF LOVE! AND WHEN THE **CATWOMAN!**... THAT STRANGE FIGURE OF THE UNDER-WORLD... REAPPEARS WITH A NEW BLUEPRINT FOR BANDITRY AND FALLS IN LOVE WITH **BRUCE WAYNE**, YOU CAN EXPECT ALMOST ANYTHING TO HAPPEN! AND IT DOES, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AGAIN MATCH WITS WITH THE TIGRESS QUEEN AND LEARN THAT "YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE!"

BY



IN A MODEST LITTLE APARTMENT, THE SHRILL RING OF AN ALARM BELL AWAKENS LOVELY, YOUNG ELVA BARR..

OH, DEAR! HOW I HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING! WISH I COULD SLEEP! BUT I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK!



DRESSED, ELVA PAUSES BEFORE LEAVING..

I DIDN'T FORGET YOU, MY PET! HERE'S SOME MILK THAT OUGHT TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING HUNGRY!



A WASTY BREAKFAST.....

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! THAT'S ALL I DO!



THEN CRAMMED INTO A SUBWAY TRAIN..

NOTHING LIKE A SUBWAY RIDE TO MAKE YOU FEEL SMALL!



JUST IN TIME!



IN THE SWANK SALON, THE DAY BEGINS...

A FACIAL TODAY, MRS GILD?

YES, MY DEAR! I FEEL RATHER OLD, DON'T YOU KNOW! SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE OUT SOME OF THOSE WRINKLES!



SO IT GOES, FROM ONE ROUTINE TO ANOTHER, ALL THROUGH THE BUSY DAY...

... AND SO I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULDN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER!

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, MISS LORD!



UNTIL FINALLY...

MY FEET ACHE AND I'M SO TIRED!



WHO IS THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WORKS LIKE A TIRELESS BEAVER ALL DAY LONG? LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER... YES, YOU'VE GUESSED IT! THE CATWOMAN! BUT WHAT IS THE DARING QUEEN OF CRIME, WHO HAS STOLEN COUNTLESS FABULOUS JEWELS, DOING AT AN ORDINARY JOB?

THAT'S WHAT WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE WONDERS ABOUT SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER AT A BEAUTY CONTEST FOR BEAUTY SALON OPERATORS . . .

ISNT SHE A...A KNOCKOUT?

IT CAN'T BE... BUT IT IS... THE CATWOMAN!



JUDGES

FOR BEHIND THAT INDOLENT EXTERIOR LIES THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF THE BATMAN!

DONT TELL ME SHE'S TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF! I DONT BELIEVE IT!



BUT EVEN BRUCE IS FORCED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ELVA BARR'S OUTSTANDING BEAUTY..

THE JUDGES UNANIMOUSLY AGREE ON THE WINNER... ELVA BARR!

SO THAT'S BRUCE WAYNE! ISNT HE HANDSOME!



HOLD THAT MISS BARR!

CONGRATULATIONS, MISS BARR!

IF I COULD ONLY READ YOUR MIND, CATWOMAN!



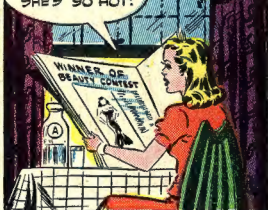
BRUCE WOULD BE EMBARRASSINGLY SURPRISED IF HE COULD... FOR DAN CUPID HAS BEEN UP TO ONE OF HIS LITTLE PRANKS!

MY HEART'S FLUTTERING... I'M FALLING IN LOVE! AND HE SEEMS INTERESTED IN ME, TOO!



NEXT MORNING, SOMEBODY ELSE IS INTERESTED IN ELVA... LOVELY LINDA PAGE!

HMM! SO THAT'S WHOM BRUCE WAYNE CONSIDERS BEAUTIFUL! WELL... I DONT THINK SHE'S SO HOT!



AND AT THE WAYNE HOME . . .

I CAN'T FOR THE LIFE OF ME FIGURE OUT WHY SHE'S WORKING AT THAT BEAUTY SALON!

INSTEAD OF TALKING SO MUCH, HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING?



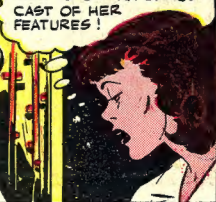
AT THE SALON, THE TIGRESS QUEEN SEEMS BUSY WITH HER INNOCENT ROUTINE DUTIES . . .

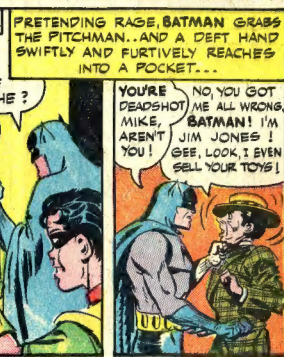
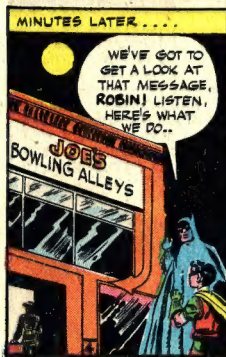
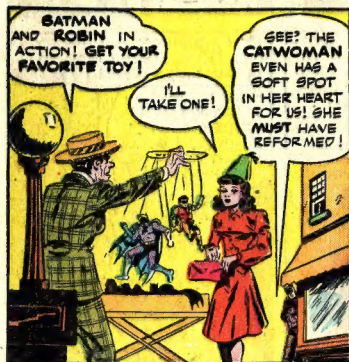
THERE, NOW! THIS WILL DO WONDERS FOR YOUR COMPLEXION!



BUT ACTUALLY SHE IS PERFECTING HER FELINE PLANS!

SHE DOESN'T KNOW I'VE PUT A SPECIAL INGREDIENT INTO THIS MUD-PACK SO IT CAN HARDEN! I'LL BE ABLE TO GET AN EXACT CAST OF HER FEATURES!





UNNOTICED, THE ACE CRIME-FIGHTER
SLIPS THE MESSAGE TO HIS YOUNG AIDE !

MAYBE WE'RE WRONG,
ROBIN! PHONE THE POLICE
FOR AN EXACT DESCRIPTION
OF DEADSHOT MIKE !

WHAT A
NAME ...
DEADSHOT MIKE!
HA HA! OUR PLAN IS
WORKING !

CHECK,
BATMAN!

BUT SMOOTH SAILING IS
NOT AHEAD ...

HMMM!
MONKEY BUSINESS,
I BET !

COME ON!
HERE'S OUR
CHANCE TO
GET THE
BATMAN !

GOT YOU,
BATMAN !
OH ...

UGGH!

AH! SUCH
ACCURACY! WELL
IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO BOWL ...

A SMALL CAPED FIGURE
JOINS THE FRAY !

AND HERE'S
A FIST
I CAN
SPARE

THE BOY WON-
DER GLYLY
REPLACES
THE SLIP OF
PAPER ...

AVE THE FOUL LINE ... PLE

HERE'S WHERE I
MAKE TWO STRIKES AT
ONE TIME...AND WITHOUT
THE AID OF A BALL !

THIS ISN'T THE
FELLOW, BATMAN!
DEADSHOT MIKE
HAS A SCAR ON HIS
FACE, THE POLICE
SAID !

SO WE MADE
A MISTAKE ! TOO
BAD !

WHAT
A MISTAKE
WE MADE !
OH, MY HEAD !

SORRY, FELLOWS BUT
YOU SHOULD HAVE
WAITED A MOMENT
LONGER! THERE
WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN A FIGHT !

OUTSIDE.....

I READ THAT MESSAGE WHILE I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PHONING THE POLICE! IT SAID TO GET READY FOR ACTION AT THE MAYPONT WEDDING TONIGHT!

MAYPONT WEDDING! HOW CAN THE CATWOMAN GET IN THERE? IT'S TOO HEAVILY GUARDED!

WE DON'T KNOW HER GAME YET... BUT WE'LL BE THERE TONIGHT!



MEANWHILE, IN A HIDDEN LAIR, THE BEAUTIFUL MISTRESS OF MENACE PURRS IN ANTICIPATION OF HER LATEST COUP!

EVERYTHING'S READY! I SHALL NOW BECOME GRACE ARNOLD, SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE GLOBE! MY BOYS WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE REAL MISS ARNOLD'S CAR "ACCIDENTALLY" BREAKS DOWN!

I'VE GOT A LUNCHEON TO ATTEND THIS...



THAT NIGHT, ON THE LAWN OF THE LUXURIOUS MAYPONT ESTATE, SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE GALA WEDDING OF THE MAYPONT HEIRESS AND CAPTAIN GOODRICH...

AREN'T THOSE GIFTS JUST DIVINE!

AND EXPENSIVE! THEY'RE WORTH A FORTUNE! THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE GUARDS!



AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ESTATE...

INVITATIONS, PLEASE! OH, MISS ARNOLD, COME RIGHT IN!

PLEASE, LET THESE MEN IN... THEY'RE HELPING ME SET UP MY PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT!



THE CEREMONY BEGINS... AS THE SOFT STRAINS OF "HERE COMES THE BRIDE" ISSUE FROM A ROSE BOWER...



FELLOW NAVY OFFICERS SALUTE THE BRIDE AND GROOM IN TIME-HONORED FASHION!

TO A HAPPY FUTURE!



MEANWHILE, THE "SOCIETY EDITOR'S" MEN HAVE SET UP THEIR "PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT"...

OKAY, FELLOWS,
GET READY!



AND MOMENTS LATER, A SLIM, CATLIKE FIGURE RE-APPEARS TO GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR ACTION!

NOW
WE'LL SHOOT
THIS SCENE
OUR WAY!

YEAH, AND YOU
BETTER HOLD UP
THOSE HANDS
IF YOU WANNA
USE 'EM
AGAIN!

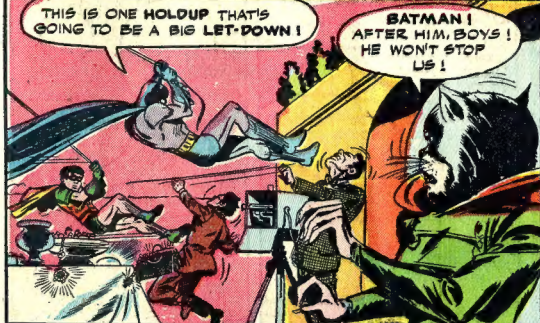
CATWOMAN!
IT'S A HOLDUP!



BUT THE CUNNINGLY PLANNED COUP IS ABRUPTLY FOILED!

THIS IS ONE HOLDUP THAT'S
GOING TO BE A BIG LET-DOWN!

BATMAN!
AFTER HIM, BOYS!
HE WON'T STOP
US!



THAT'S ONLY
WEDDING PUNCH!
YOU OUGHT TO FEEL MY
SUNDAY PUNCH!

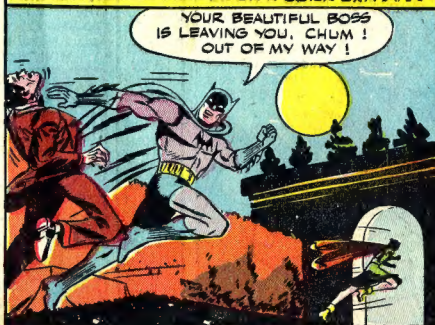


ROSES ARE
RED, VIOLETS ARE
BLUE! BUT WHEN YOU
GET UP, YOU'LL BE
BLACK AND BLUE!



THE CATWOMAN DECIDES ON A QUICK EXIT....

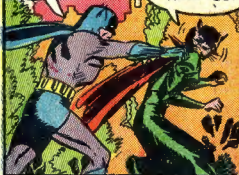
YOUR BEAUTIFUL BOSS
IS LEAVING YOU, CHUM!
OUT OF MY WAY!



FOOTSTEPS DRUM IN SWIFT PURSUIT, AND SOON...

NOW, NOW, CATWOMAN, IS THAT NICE, RUNNING AWAY LIKE THIS? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SAID HELLO TO ME!

YOU..YOU.. ALWAYS SPOILING MY PLANS! OH, I HATE YOU!



THE PROUD CRIME QUEEN'S HEAD BOWS IN DEFEAT!

ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN, BATMAN! BUT I WISH IT HAD BEEN DIFFERENT! I WISH..OH, WHAT'S THE USE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



I'M IN LOVE, BATMAN.. IN LOVE WITH A FINE, DECENT MAN! YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF HIM ..BRUCE WAYNE!

HUH! IN LOVE WITH ME?



OH! IF YOU'D ONLY LET ME GO, BATMAN.. IF I KNEW I HAD A CHANCE WITH HIM, I'D GIVE UP MY LIFE OF CRIME!

WE..ELL! HMM....I WONDER...? MAYBE SHE'S REALLY SINCERE! WHAT A SPOT FOR ME TO BE IN!



A MOMENT OF LIGHTNING THOUGHT ...AND THEN THE BATMAN ACTS... TO GIVE THE CATWOMAN HER FREEDOM!

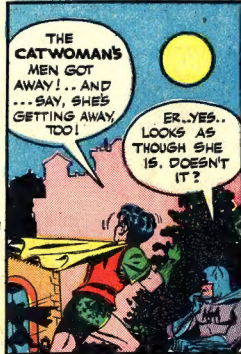
OOOPS! I TRIPPED! GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU ESCAPE NOW, CATWOMAN! (I'LL GIVE HER THE CHANCE SHE WANTS!)

THANKS, BATMAN! YOU'RE..YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



THE CATWOMAN'S MEN GOT AWAY!... AND ...SAY, SHE'S GETTING AWAY, TOO!

ER...YES.. LOOKS AS THOUGH SHE IS. DOESN'T IT?



WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU, BATMAN?

NOTHING, ROBIN. NOTHING! ONLY I THINK PERHAPS WE MAY BE GETTING RID OF THE CATWOMAN FOR GOOD SOON!



WHAT IS THE BATMAN UP TO?

THE CATWOMAN IS IN LOVE WITH WAYNE ... BUT WHAT CAN THE BATMAN AS BRUCE DO ABOUT IT?

APPARENTLY A LOT! FOR, IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BRUCE WAYNE COURTS BEAUTIFUL 'ELVA BARR' IN A WHIRL - WIND ROMANCE!



AND THEN, ONE MORNING, NEWS-PAPERS ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF SOCIETY PLAYBOY TO BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER!

BUT, BRUCE, YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THAT ELVA'S THE CATWOMAN! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU? WHAT ABOUT LINDA? WHAT ABOUT... US?

PATIENCE, M'AD, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND! THESE THINGS!



AND AT THE CATWOMAN'S HIDEOUT...

I'M ALL THROUGH, MEN! NO MORE CRIME! YOU READ THE PAPERS... I'M ENGAGED NOW! I'M GOING STRAIGHT!

AW, THAT GUY BRUCE WAYNE AINT IN LOVE WITH YOU! HE'S SWEET ON LINDA PAGE! EVERYBODY KNOWS...



HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!

I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!



MAYBE... MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! MAYBE I'M JUST A SILLY FOOL!



MEANWHILE, SOMEBODY ELSE HAS SEEN THE NEWSPAPERS... A HURT, BEWILDERED GIRL... LINDA PAGE...

AND I THOUGHT BRUCE LOVED ME! OH, I HATE HIM... I HATE HIM! I DON'T CARE WHO HE'S ENGAGED TO!



BUT JEALOUS CURIOSITY LEADS HER TO MANON'S BEAUTY SALON FOR AN INSPECTION OF HER RIVAL IN LOVE!

LINDA PAGE! JUST THE PERSON I'M THINKING ABOUT! WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?



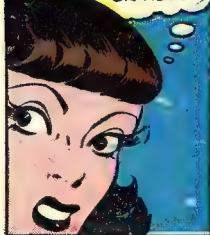
COME TO LOOK ME OVER, EH? WELL, THAT'S VERY NICE! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL MAKE ONE MORE CAST... LINDA PAGE'S!

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, ALL RIGHT... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HER THAT REMINDS ME OF A... A SLEEK CAT!



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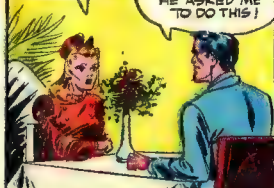
I'LL BECOME LINDA AND FIND OUT FROM BRUCE IF HE LOVES HER OR NOT!



AND SO THAT AFTERNOON, THE CATWOMAN MEETS BRUCE WAYNE ...IN THE GUISE OF LINDA PAGE!

I WANTED TO FIND OUT PERSONALLY IF YOU ARE REALLY ENGAGED TO THAT GIRL!

NOW, LISTEN, LINDA, PLEASE UNDERSTAND! I-- I'M DOING A FAVOR FOR THE BATMAN! HE ASKED ME TO DO THIS!



YOU MUST TRUST ME, LINDA! MY ENGAGEMENT WON'T BE FOR LONG!

JUST LONG ENOUGH, TO GET THE CATWOMAN GOING STRAIGHT!



SO HE REALLY DOESN'T LOVE ME! HE LOVES LINDA! AND HE'S JUST DOING THIS BECAUSE THE BATMAN ASKED HIM!

LINDA, PLEASE!

NEVER MIND, MR. WAYNE! I'M LEAVING! FOOL THAT I WAS!

THIS IS THE BATMAN'S FAULT! HE WANTED TO REFORM ME! WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM!



A DEJECTED BRUCE WAYNE, MEANWHILE, RETURNS HOME ...AND RECEIVES AN INCREDIBLE MESSAGE!

LINDA CALLED ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO TO CONGRATULATE YOU, BRUCE! SHE SAID TO TELL YOU SHE WAS AT THE BEAUTY SALON AND SAW YOUR FIANCEE!

LINDA! WHY, I WAS WITH HER FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO! IT COULDN'T BE... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



UNLESS... UNLESS... GREAT SCOTT! I SEE IT! I SEE IT NOW! MY PLAN'S SPOILED! THAT WAS THE CATWOMAN WITH ME!

HUH? LOOK, I'M TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS!



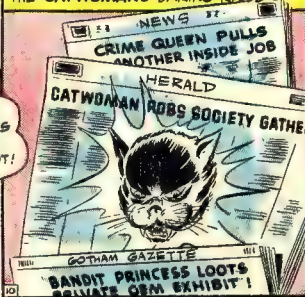
BRUCE SWIFTLY BRINGS HIS YOUNG COMPANION UP-TO-DATE...

...AND SO YOU SEE, EVERYTHING FITS! LINDA WAS AT THE BEAUTY PARLOR...AND THE CATWOMAN TOOK HER PLACE! THAT'S WHY SHE WORKED THERE...THAT WAS HER SCHEME! TO MAKE IMPRESSIONS OF WOMEN'S FACES!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH HER! SHE KNOWS THAT NOW, SO WATCH OUT!



PROPHETIC WORDS! HEADLINES SOON SCREAM THE SENSATIONAL NEWS OF THE CATWOMAN'S DARING RAIDS



WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER! BUT WHERE CAN WE GET A LEAD TO HER? SHE'S DISAPPEARED AS ELVA BARR!

HMM! MAYBE I'LL HAVE SOME NEWS SOON! TOO YOUNG, AM I? I'LL SHOW HIM!



FOR UNKNOWN TO THE SENIOR CRIME-FIGHTER, THE BOY WONDER HAS BEEN PLAYING A LONE HAND, TOO!

HURRY UP, KID!
I AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!

OKAY, MISTER.
OKAY! I'M NEW HERE!
GIMME A CHANCE!

JIM JONES,
THE PITCHMAN!
I FIGURED HE'D RE-
TURN HERE SOONER
OR LATER! HOT DOG!
MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT
SOMETHING NOW IF
I KEEP MY EARS
OPEN!

SOME TIME LATER, AT THE WAYNE HOME...

WHERE DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOING, YOUNG-
STER?

OH, JUST
AFTER THE
CATWOMAN!
ER...I SUPPOSE
YOU CAN COME
ALONG, TOO...
ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT
BE TOO OLD TO
UNDERSTAND
THIS SORT OF THING!

NOW LOOK HERE, BRAT, WHAT
HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SPEAK
UP...OR YOU GET A SPANKING!

HEY! DON'T HIT
ME! I'LL TALK!

..AND GO I
HEARD THIS
JIM JONES
MENTION THE
FAIRVIEW PET
SHOW THAT'S
BEING HELD
TODAY! SOME
KIND OF A JOB
IS BEING PULLED
THERE!

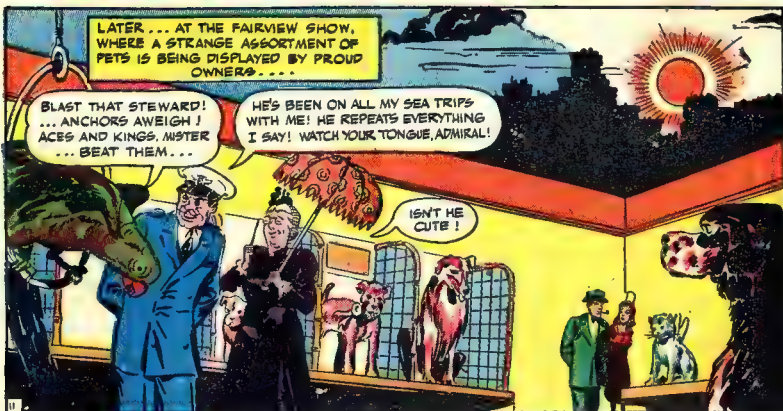
SURE, THEY'VE
GOT SOME VALUABLE
ANIMALS AND ONLY
A SELECTED FEW
ARE INVITED! THE
CATWOMAN MUST
BE TAKING SOME-
BODY'S PLACE! MAY-
BE WE WILL, TOO!

LATER ... AT THE FAIRVIEW SHOW,
WHERE A STRANGE ASSORTMENT OF
PETS IS BEING DISPLAYED BY PROUD
OWNERS ...

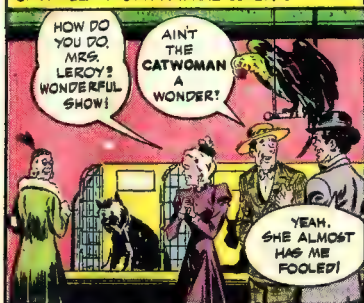
BLAST THAT STEWARD!
... ANCHORS AWEIGH!
ACES AND KINGS, MISTER
... BEAT THEM ...

HE'S BEEN ON ALL MY SEA TRIPS
WITH ME! HE REPEATS EVERYTHING
I SAY! WATCH YOUR TONGUE, ADMIRAL!

ISN'T HE
CUTE!



NEAR AN ENGLISH SCOTTIE, A FEMALE SPIT-FIRE LURKS SAFELY BEHIND THE KINDLY GUISE OF A WELL-KNOWN ANIMAL LOVER



HOW DO YOU DO, MRS. LEROY! WONDERFUL SHOW!

AIN'T THE CATWOMAN A WONDER!

YEAH, SHE ALMOST HAS ME FOOLED!

BUT ELSEWHERE, DISGUISE HAS TRANSFORMED TWO OTHER FAMILIAR FIGURES

THE WAY YOU'RE STICKING NEAR THAT PENGUIN, YOU MIGHT THINK WE'RE AFTER HIM INSTEAD OF THE CATWOMAN!

CUT IT OUT, ROBIN! DID YOU SPOT HER?



YES, THAT JIM JONES GUY IS OVER NEAR THE SCOTTIES! THE SWEET OLD LADY WITH HIM MUST BE THE CATWOMAN!

GOOD! WE'D BETTER GET INTO OUR ACTION SUITS! SOMETHING'S DUE TO BREAK!

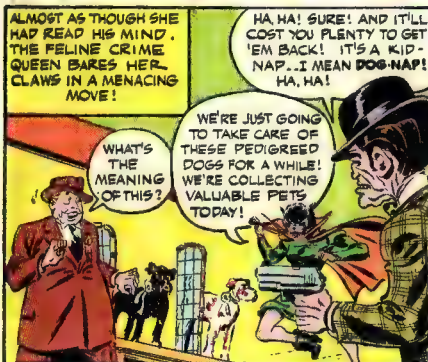


ALMOST AS THOUGH SHE HAD READ HIS MIND, THE FELINE CRIME QUEEN BARES HER CLAWS IN A MENACING MOVE!

HA, HA! SURE! AND IT'LL COST YOU PLENTY TO GET 'EM BACK! IT'S A KID-NAP... I MEAN DOG-NAP! HA, HA!

WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEDIGREED DOGS FOR A WHILE! WE'RE COLLECTING VALUABLE PETS TODAY!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?



THEN, LIKE TWIN NIGHTMARES, THE POWERHOUSE PAIR BREAKS UP THE HAPPY DREAM!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A CAT-NAP?

YOU TWO AGAIN! DON'T YOU EVER MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

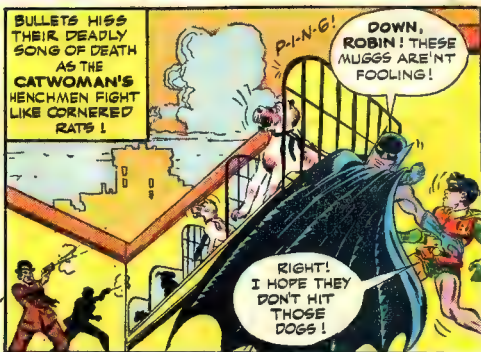


SURE, CATWOMAN! THIS IS OUR BUSINESS!

YOU'LL BE SORRY YET, YOU TWO!



BULLETS HISS THEIR DEADLY SONG OF DEATH AS THE CATWOMAN'S HENCHMEN FIGHT LIKE CORNERED RATS!



DOWN, ROBIN! THESE MUGGS AREN'T FOOLING!

RIGHT! I HOPE THEY DON'T HIT THOSE DOGS!

SUDDENLY....

AT 'EM, MEN!
AT 'EM!

WATCH OUT...
SOMEBODY
IN BACK
OF US!

THE STARTLED THUGS WHIRL.....AND SEE.....

IT'S A MUTINY!
AT 'EM, MEN!
AT 'EM!

AH... A..
AHEM..

HUH?
IT'S ONLY
A PARROT!

THIS IS
OUR CHANCE,
ROBIN!

THE TWO SENTINELS OF JUSTICE CHARGE... AND
WHIRLWIND FISTS SCATTER THE CRIME MINIONS
LIKE LEAVES IN A STORM!

CLEAN UP TIME,
ROBIN! NO MORE
FOOLING!

CHECK!

OH, NO,
YOU DON'T!
YOU'RE NOT
GETTING AWAY
THIS TIME
!

LOOK AT THOSE CATS
FLOCKING TO THEIR KING-
WOMAN! MAYBE THEY WILL
HELP HER FIGHT ME OFF!

OHHH!

BUT IRONY OF IRONIES..

POETIC JUSTICE!
A CAT TRIPS UP
THE
CATWOMAN..
LITERALLY!

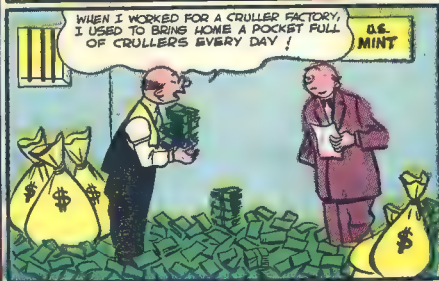
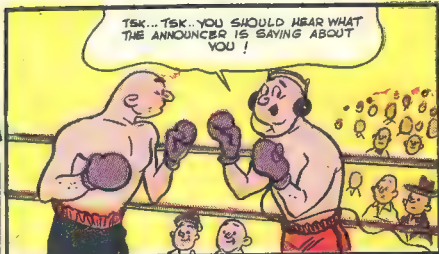
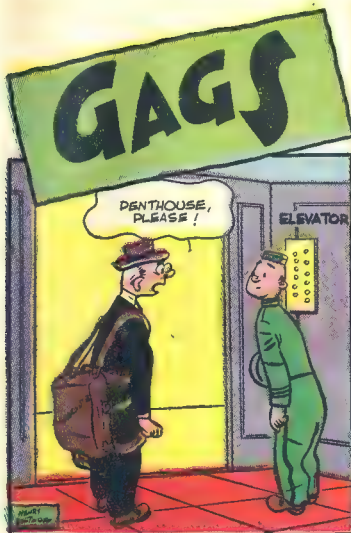
YOU'RE THE ONE
MAN WHO ALWAYS
WINS! WELL, YOU
CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T
TRY TO GO
STRAIGHT! I'M
AFRAID YOU'RE
HOPELESS,
CATWOMAN!
THERE'S ONLY
ONE PLACE WHERE
I'M SURE YOU'LL
GO STRAIGHT!
IN PRISON!

AND NEXT DAY...
GLAD THAT'S OVER! I
HOPE LINDA WILL FOR-
GIVE ME NOW!

SHE WILL, ROMEO!
BUT WILL THE
CATWOMAN?

CATWOMAN
CAUGHT!

HOW LONG WILL THE
MISTRESS OF MENACE
REMAIN BEHIND THOSE
BARS? HOW SOON AGAIN
BEFORE CRIME'S BEAUT-
IFUL QUEEN WILL BE
FREE AGAIN TO GATHER
A NEW RING OF ROGUES?



IS IT LEGAL TO KILL BATMAN?

THAT'S AN ODD QUESTION, ISN'T IT ?
YET, **"LARRY THE JUDGE"** THOUGHT
HE KNEW THE ANSWER ---- AND HIS
ANSWER WAS... **"YES"**

RESPECTED UPPER-CRUST CITIZEN
BY DAY... VENOMOUS DENIZEN OF
THE UNDERWORLD BY NIGHT,
LARRY THE JUDGE SETS HIMSELF UP
AS A PURVEYOR OF PERMITS TO
LOOT AND STEAL VERITABLE
"LICENSES FOR LARCENY"

... AND AT LENGTH HE ISSUES A
LICENSE TO **HIMSELF** : A LICENSE
TO TRACK DOWN AND ASSASSINATE
BATMAN!

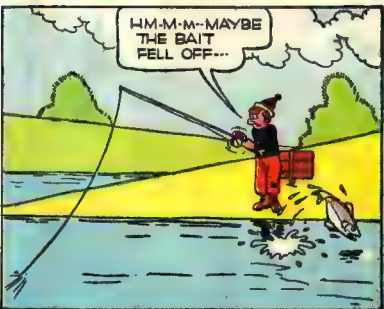
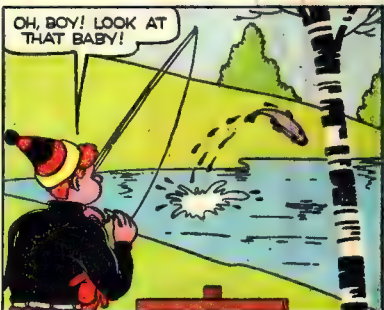
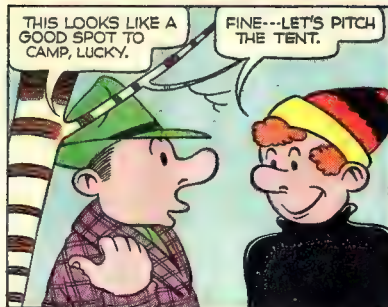
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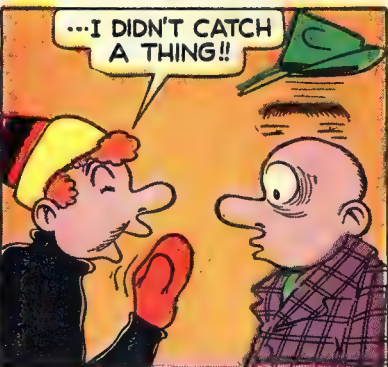
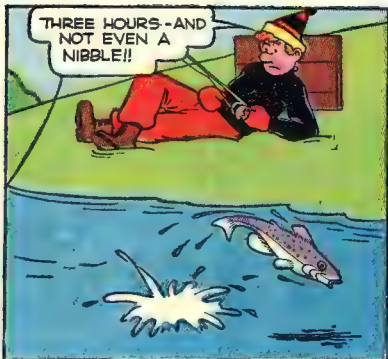


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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT ON THE FIGHTING TOGS OF **ROBIN** AND RISK PERIL AT THE SIDE OF THE MIGHTY **BATMAN**? HERE IS THE AMAZING STORY OF A HOMELESS BOY WHO DREAMED OF JUST THAT--AND WAS THE PROUDEST AND HAPPIEST KID IN AMERICA WHEN HE SAW HIS DREAM COME TRUE! OR RATHER, **THOUGHT** HE SAW IT COMING TRUE--FOR WHAT FOLLOWED PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE MEANEST FRAUDS EVER PERPETRATED! BUT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HURTLE INTO SWIFT ACTION WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT "THE BOY WHO WANTED TO BE **ROBIN**!"

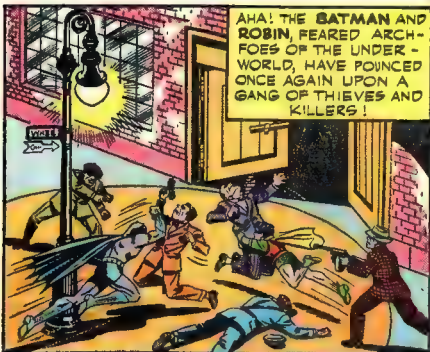
WHAT COLD EYES ARE THESE THAT PEER CRAFTILY AT A SPECTACLE THAT WOULD TERRIFY ANOTHER MAN?



WHO IS THIS DARK-CLAD AUDIENCE OF ONE, LURKING UNSEEN IN THE SHADOWS OF THE WATERFRONT?

WAREHOUSE
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WE SHALL KNOW PRESENTLY... BUT FIRST LET US SEE WHAT IT IS THAT HOLDS HIS ATTENTION SO CLOSELY...



AHA! THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, FEARED ARCH-FOES OF THE UNDER-WORLD, HAVE POUNCED ONCE AGAIN UPON A GANG OF THIEVES AND KILLERS!

KNUCKLES TO YOU, SPIKE! WHICH REMINDS ME -- WHERE IS "KNUCKLES" CONGER, THE BOSS OF YOUR MOB?

HE AIN'T WHERE YOU'RE GONNA BE IN A MINUTE, BATMAN!

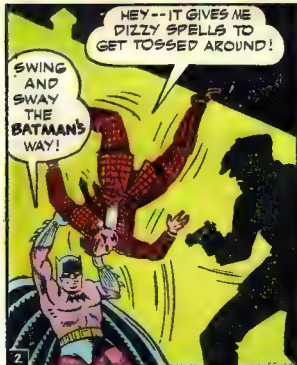
YOU COULDN'T HIT A BARN DOOR WITH THIS BARN DOOR HITTING YOU!



HELP!
ME
CHOPPERS
BACK-
FIRIN'!

HEY -- IT GIVES ME DIZZY SPELLS TO GET TOSSED AROUND!

SWING
AND
SWAY
THE
BATMAN'S
WAY!



GUESS WE CAN GO HOME, SOON AS THE POLICE SHOW UP!

AW --- WE NEVER HAVE THIS MUCH FUN AT HOME!



THEY'RE "KNUCKLES" RATS ALL RIGHT! TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE GOT HIM, TOO -- THE SLICKEST OF THEM ALL!

"IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE 'KNUCKLES' WAS, WE WOULDN'T KNOCK OFF SO EARLY!"



YOU'VE
GUESSED IT!
"KNUCKLES"
CONGER.
SLEEKEST
CRIMINAL
IN GOTHAM
CITY IS THE
SINISTER
MAN LURK-
ING IN THE
SHADOWS

FOUR OF MY TOUGHEST BOYS LAID
OUT COLD BY THE BATMAN
AND THE KID IN THIRTY-FIVE
SECONDS FLAT! THAT MEANS
STRONG ARM MEN ARE NO GOOD
TO ME ANY MORE...

I'VE GOT TO FIND A
COMBINATION THAT WILL
BEAT THE BATMAN
AND ROBIN -- AND
ORDINARY THUGS
CAN'T DO IT!

H'YA,
KNUCKLES!

IT'S
AMAZING HOW
ONE MAN AND A
BOY CAN TERRORIZE
THE WHOLE UNDER-
WORLD! OF COURSE,
THEY'RE A PERFECTLY
MATCHED TEAM,
TRAINED TO WORK
TOGETHER LIKE
MESHED GEARS

I'VE BEEN A TRACK ATH-
LETE... AN ACROBAT...
A BOXER. I COULD GET
IN SHAPE FOR FAST
ACTION...

BUT I'D HAVE TO
HAVE HELP -- AND
NO MUSCLE-BOUND
BRUISER IN THE RACKET
COULD BE TRAINED
TO HELP ME... UNLESS
IT WAS --

-- A KID! YES... IT'S THE PERFECT
GET-UP! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF
IT SOONER? IF THE BATMAN
CAN DO IT, I CAN! I'LL HAVE
A KID HELP ME!

THE BOSS
DIDN'T GIVE
US
A TUMBLE!

NO MORE
LOW GRADE CROOKS
FOR ME! I'M HITTING
THE HIGH SPOTS FROM
NOW ON--- AND USING
THE BATMAN'S OWN
METHODS AGAINST
THE LAW!

AND NOW LET US MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A CERTAIN YOUNG MAN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR STORY...

BOBBY DEEN, HOMELESS BOOT-BLACK, HAS A CUSTOMER...

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READING, SON?

SHINE 'EM UP, KID!

HUH?...OH -- SURE, MISTER

IT'S ABOUT TH' BATMAN... YOU KNOW TH' ONE WHO ROUNDS UP ALL THE CROOKS!

SURE, I KNOW! GREAT FELLOW, ISN'T HE?

I GUESS THERE'S NO-BODY GREATER IN THE WHOLE WORLD! GOLLY, ROBIN IS A LUCKY KID TO BE HIS PAL!

I'LL BET YOU WISH YOU WERE LIKE ROBIN!

MISTER, YOU GUESSED IT! LOTS OF NIGHTS I DREAM I AM ROBIN-- ONLY WHEN I WAKE UP I'M STILL JUST A KID WITHOUT ANY FOLKS, OUT ON HIS OWN!

AN ORPHAN, EH? EVER DO ANY ATHLETICS?

I WAS TRACK CHAMP OF MY CLASS WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL, BEFORE MOM 'N' POP DIED... AND EVERY DAY I HAVE TO FIGHT TOUGH KIDS A LOT BIGGER 'N ME!

KID, I'M THE ANSWER TO YOUR DREAMS!

A TEN SPOT! YOU AIN'T FOOLIN'? AND WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT DREAMS?

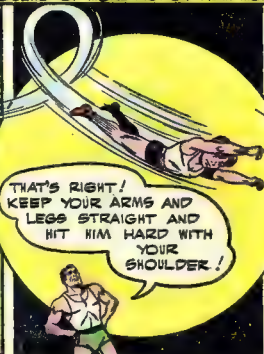
I'M LIKE THE BATMAN, SEE? I HUNT CROOKS! IF YOU'D LIKE, I'LL TRAIN YOU TO WORK WITH ME... TO BE JUST LIKE ROBIN!

MISTER, DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT? 'CAUSE IF YOU DO-- WHY, I'M THE SECOND LUCKIEST KID IN GOTHAM!

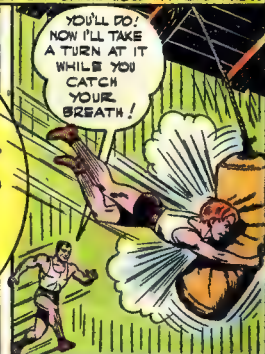
SO IT IS THAT THE LOFT OF A HUGE OLD BARN, IN A SECLUDED SPOT BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS. FOR MANY DAYS IS THE SCENE OF MORE ACTION THAN MOST OLD BARN HOLD IN A LIFETIME..



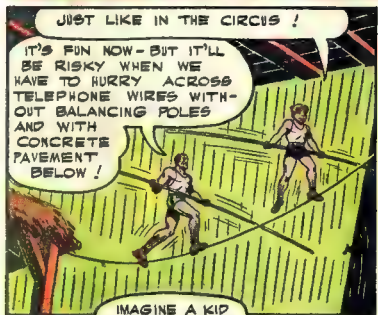
NOW LET
GO THE ROPE
AND REVERSE
YOUR BODY!



THAT'S RIGHT!
KEEP YOUR ARMS AND
LEGS STRAIGHT AND
HIT HIM HARD WITH
YOUR
SHOULDER!



YOU'LL DO!
NOW I'LL TAKE
A TURN AT IT
WHILE YOU
CATCH
YOUR
BREATH!

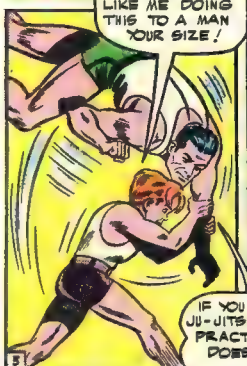


IT'S FUN NOW-BUT IT'LL
BE RISKY WHEN WE
HAVE TO HURRY ACROSS
TELEPHONE WIRES WITH-
OUT BALANCING POLES
AND WITH
CONCRETE
PAVEMENT
BELOW!



GOING UP IS
THE EASIEST
PART.... IT'S
THE COMING
DOWN THAT'S
HARD!

GEE, I NEVER
EXPECTED TO
DO ALL THESE
THINGS!



IMAGINE A KID
LIKE ME DOING
THIS TO A MAN
YOUR SIZE!



THIS IS BETTER
THAN BOXING TO
TEACH SPEED, TIMING
AND BALANCE!

OH, BOY..
IF I EVER GO
TO SCHOOL
AGAIN, WON'T I
SURPRISE THE
OTHER KIDS!

IF YOU KNOW YOUR
JU-JITSU AND KEEP IN
PRACTICE, SIZE
DOESN'T MATTER!

AND SO IS
BORN A NEW
PRECISION
TEAM OF
FORMIDABLE
FIGHTERS..
A UNIT
PATTERNED
AFTER THE
FAMOUS
BATMAN-
ROBIN
COMBINATION-

BUT
DEDICATED
TO QUITE
DIFFERENT
ENDS, AS
WE SHALL
SEE...

FINALLY...

TONIGHT WE PULL OUR FIRST JOB--ER--I MEAN, STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW AT CRIME! I'VE GOT A LINE ON A CROOKED JEWELER!

GOBH! I'M ALL GOOSE-PIMPLES! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET INTO A UNIFORM LIKE ROBIN!

UNIFORM! NIX ON THAT STUFF, YOUNGSTER! WE'LL GET ALONG BETTER WEARING PLAIN DARK CLOTHES!

BUT I THOUGHT... OH, WELL--JUST AS YOU SAY, KNUCKLES!

NIGHT -- AND AN EAGER BOY INNOCENTLY FOLLOWS A MASTER CRIMINAL ALONG A DARK AND CROOKED ROAD...

YOU GO FIRST -- RIGHT THROUGH THE WINDOW ON THE FOURTH FLOOR...IF YOU SEE A WATCHMAN, TACKLE HIM! HE'S A CROOK!

I'LL TACKLE HIM, ALL RIGHT!

MOMENTS LATER...

GOT HIM!

NICE GOING, PAL!

UHHH!

FIRST THING IS TO GATHER THE EVIDENCE!

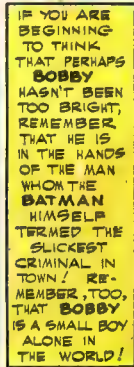
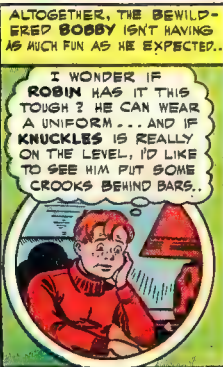
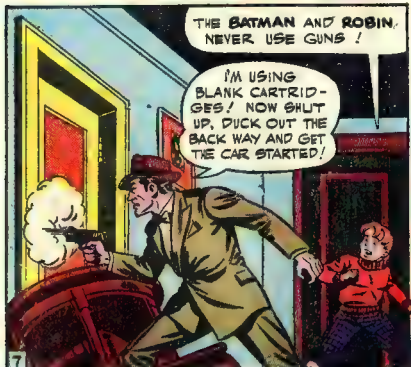
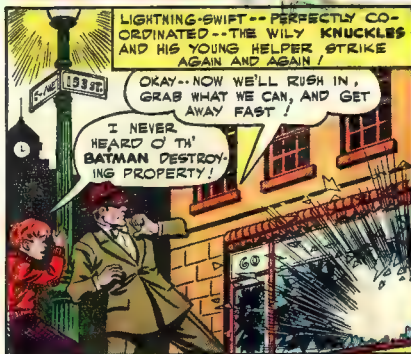
ALL STOLEN BY CROOKS, AND PEDDLED TO THE PHONEY JEWELER, HUM?

BUT UNKNOWNLY THE PROWLERS HAVE TOUCHED OFF AN ALARM!

IT'S THE ACME JEWELRY SHOP IN THE PALACE THEATRE BUILDING. WE'LL HAVE THE PLACE SURROUNDED IN A MINUTE!

COPS! QUICK--WE'LL MAKE OUR GETAWAY FROM THE ROOF!

BUT IF WE EXPLAINED-- WOULDN'T THEY LET US GO? THE BATMAN DOES LOTSA SPECIAL JOBS FOR COMMISSIONER GORDON...



...YET NOT ALTOGETHER HOPELESS - FOR AT BRUCE WAYNE'S HOME KEEN INTEREST AWAKENS!

THE KID, BOBBY, MUST BE SMART, BRUCE! I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM!

IF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN KEEP HUNTING, DICK, YOU'RE BOUND TO, SOONER OR LATER!

THIS NIGHT, AS ON OTHERS, A WEIRD CAR LEAVES THE WAYNE HOME TO PROWL - THE BATMOBILE!

WHERE TO THIS TIME, BAT-MAN?

THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, ROBIN! OUR FRIENDS HAVEN'T BOTHERED IT YET, BUT IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE THEY DO!

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, TWO FIGURES ARE ENTERING A WINDOW THERE AT THIS MOMENT...

WHEW! EVEN IF I WAS A REAL FLY, I'D HATE TO MAKE THAT CLIMB OVER AGAIN!

WE'LL GET DOWN WITH OUR NEW WIRE REELS AND FRICTION GRIPS!

YOU SAY THOSE ARE ALL COUNTERFEIT? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I HAVE MY OWN SOURCES OF INFORMATION!

SEEMS FUNNY 'NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS TO THESE CROOKS YOU TELL ABOUT AND THE COPS KEEP CALLIN' US ROBBERS!

FUNNY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

NOTHIN'-- ONLY IF YA BEEN KIDN' ME--

WHY, YOU BRAT!

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF YOU AND FIND ANOTHER KID THAT WON'T BE HOUNDING ME ALL THE TIME!

NO, KNUCKLES! PLEASE! A-A-A-A

SUDDENLY...

GREAT SCOTT-- IT'S THEM!

COME ON, BOBBY-- GET BEHIND THAT WHEEL AND DRIVE! SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER!

UGH! MY THROAT! YOU--YOU SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH!

BUT IT'S TH' BATMAN! WHY
D'WE HAVE T' RUN AWAY?

DON'T LET
'EM FOOL YOU!
THAT'S NOT
THE
BATMAN!

STEEL RODS REACH UP FROM
THE FUGITIVE CAR--HOOK THE
CROSS BARS OF STREET LAMPS-AND.

KNUCKLES' PISTOL BLAZES AGAIN
AND AGAIN AS A FURIOUS CHASE
TWISTS THROUGH THE STREETS...

THE BATMAN
IS OUT WEST
ON A CASE, AND
TWO GANGSTERS
ARE PRETEND-
ING TO BE
HIM AND
ROBIN! ONE
OF THEM IS
A DWARF!

NO USE!
THEIR CARS
TOO FAST
AND IT'S ALL
BULLETPROOF!
WE'LL WAIT
TILL THEY'RE
ALMOST UP
TO US,
THEN--

WE'RE
GOING TO
RUN
RIGHT
UNDER
THEM!

CAN'T BE HELPED,
ROBIN!
THE BATMOBILE
CAN'T STOP ON
A DIME WHEN IT'S
DOING NINETY
MILES AN HOUR!

NOW THAT WE'VE COME
THIS CLOSE, WE'VE GOT
TO CATCH THEM!

WE'LL
DO THE BEST
WE
CAN!

MEAN-
WHILE
THE
FUGITIVES
PREPARE
FOR A RETURN
ENGAGEMENT...

THEY'LL
BE BACK,
BUT WE'LL
HANDLE THEM!
YOU TAKE THE
DWARF AND I'LL
TAKE THE BAT-
THE BIG FELLOW!

PRESENTLY...

THIS IS WHERE
THEY SAW THEM
LAST... WHERE'D
THEY
GO?

MAYBE
THEY
DIDN'T
LOOK OUT
FOR
TRICKS!

ROBIN AND THE STRANGE BOY
FINALLY MEET VIOLENTLY!

I GOT
YA,
YA,
IMITATION
HERO!

WHAT'S
THIS
?

AS THE
BATMAN
SPRINGS TO
HELP, A NOOSE
DROPS
SILENTLY
FROM ABOVE...

I WANT
TO TALK TO
YOU, SON...
HUR! A
ROPE!

IT'S THE LAST
TIME YOU'LL
PRETEND TO BE
TH' BATMAN!

THE
NEXT
INSTANT...

A BAT ON
THE BEAN
FOR THE
BATMAN!

KNUCKLES
CONGER!
I MIGHT
HAVE
KNOWN!

THIS IS
AS FAR AS
YOU GO,
KNUCK--
AWHH!

NO
FRESH
KID
IS GOING
TO STOP
ME!

OOOH
-H-N-H..

RIGHT...
AND WHAT-
EVER HAP-
PENS TO
HIM OR ME
...KNUCKLES
WILL GET
...WHAT'S
COMING
TO...
HIM!

KNUCKLES,
YOU LIED TO
ME! YOU'RE
A CROOK!

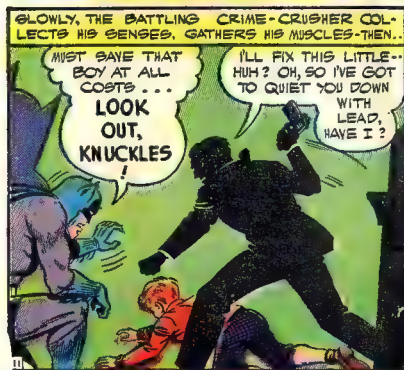
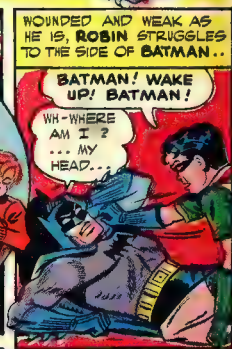
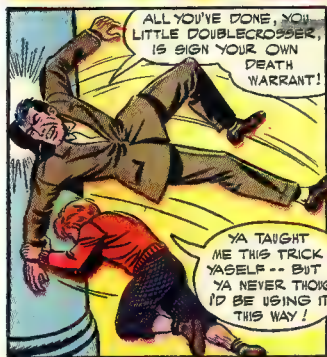
SURE,
STUPID!
AND SO ARE
YOU! YOU'D
BETTER STICK
TO ME IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO GO TO
THE BIG HOUSE!

YOU'RE
REALLY
ROBIN,
AREN'T
YOU?

SURE
... I AM
... WHO...
DID YOU
... THINK
I WAS?

WHY, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
GANGSTER LIKE
YOUR PAL...
EXCEPT, IF YOU
AIN'T HERE
EITHER! HE--
HE'S REALLY
LIKE TH' **BATMAN!**

TH' BIG
HOUSE!
OH, GEE... OH,
GOLLY!...
WHAT'LL
I DO?



BUT THE BAT-
MAN IS BATTLING
NO ORDINARY
FOE THIS TIME !

YOU LIKE FANCY
FOOTWORK, EH ?

OOPF!
NOT
THAT
KIND !

NIMBLY THE OUTLAW SCALES
THE SOLID FACE OF THE
SKYSCRAPER...

WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR ! DO YOU
MEAN THE
FAMOUS BATMAN
CAN'T CLIMB ?

BALANCED ON A DIZZY LEDGE,
KNUCKLES AWAITS
HIS ENEMY....

IT'S TWENTY STORIES
TO WHERE YOU CAME
FROM !
SO
LONG,
BATMAN !

.. LET'S
TALK
IT
OVER !

HEY,
BE
CAREFUL
!

HIGH OVER THE YAWNING
ABYSS, TWO GIANTS BATTLE
FOR LIFE--WHILE DEATH WAITS !

THIS IS A PLEASURE
--KNOWING WHAT'S
GOING TO HAPPEN
TO YOU !

SURRENDER
QUETLY AND
SAVE A LOT OF
WEAR AND
TEAR !

LET'S
NOT BE
HASTY
ABOUT
THIS !

YOU'LL
DO THE
JUMPING
.. AND NOT
ON
PURPOSE !

SURE,
I CAN ...
ONLY I
WANTED
YOU TO GET
TOO HIGH
TO JUMP
BEFORE
I STARTED !

THE BATMAN SIDESTEPS A MUDEROUS LUNGE, AND...

HERE'S THE
PAYOFF --
HELP!
SAVE ME!

AM
I IN
YOUR
WAY?

DON'T
LET ME FALL,
BATMAN!
ANYTHING BUT
THAT! I'LL
MAKE A FULL
CONFESSION
!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M GOING TO
ALL THIS TROUBLE ... FOR RATS
WHO LEAD KIDS INTO TROUBLE!

LATER...IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

...AN' I THOUGHT I
COULD BE LIKE **ROBIN**,
AND WEAR A CLASSY
UNIFORM. AN' CATCH
CRIMINALS, BUT
I GUESS I'LL
WEAR A REFORM
SCHOOL ONE!

NO, **BOBBY**... YOU
HELPED CATCH
KNUCKLES, AND
SAVED THE **BATMAN**
AND
ROBIN!

BOBBY, HOW WOULD YOU
LIKE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL--
A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL?

SCHOOL?
I'D LOVE
IT! YA
AIN'T
KID-
DIN'?

AND
UNIFORMS
THAT REALLY
ARE
SOME-
THING!

SOMETIME LATER...

QUITE
A PLACE,
EH,
DICK?

YOU
KNOW, SOME-
TIMES I CATCH
MYSELF WISHING
I WAS **BOBBY**!

WE
RAN INTO
THE **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN**
AND THEY
ASKED US TO
STOP BY AND
SEE HOW YOU'RE
DOING!

GEE,
YOU KNOW
THEM, BIR! ?
LOOKIT MY
UNIFORM AN'
ALL THE
MEDALS
I WON
ALREADY!

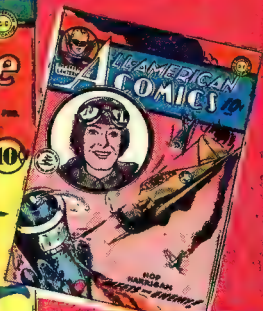
TELL 'EM I'LL NEVER
FORGET WHAT THEY
DID FOR ME... AND
TELL **ROBIN** I WANT
TO BE LIKE HIM!

I'LL TELL
HIM. **BOB**!
IT'S THE FINEST
COMPLIMENT
HE'S EVER
HAD!

The
End.

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HURRY!!

IS THERE A RAPID
RESTAURANT IN THIS
STATION WHERE A
GUY CAN SNATCH
SOME FAST
FOOD??

YESSIR -
RIGHT IN
HERE →

IF Y' TELL ME WHAT YOU
WANT, I CAN GET TO WORK
ON IT WHILE YOU'RE TAKING
OFF YOUR HAT.

HURRY-

HURRY-

HURRY!

WE HAVE LAMB, RAM, SHEEP-
AND MUTTON-ALSO MILK,
COFFEE, TEA
AND BREAD,
ROLLS AND
BISCUITS-

GIMME TWO, FOUR
MINUTE EGGS-AND
RUSH 'EM--

HARD BOILED
EGGS SERVED
HERE

NOT
RESPONSIBLE
FOR DEAS LOST
IN TRANSIT

OUR PIES CUT
ALMOST TO
NOTHING.

--MY TRAIN LEAVES IN
TWO MINUTES!

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

THE BOY WONDER -

HAVE YOU WONDERED WHAT IS IN
STORE FOR AMERICA -- AND FOR YOU --
WHEN THE SLAVE ARMIES OF THE INSANE
DICTATORS HAVE ENDED THEIR MURDEROUS
ASSAULT UPON THE DECENT AND PEACEFUL
NATIONS OF THE WORLD? HERE IS YOUR
ANSWER IN UNFORGETTABLE TERMS GIVEN
BY THE MIGHTY **BATMAN** AND HIS LOYAL
ROBIN, WHO WONDERED, TOO ---- AND
DISCOVERED THAT WHILE THE PAST IS BEYOND
CHANGING, AND THE PRESENT DARKENED
BY THE THUNDERCLOUDS OF WAR, THE
FUTURE STILL BELONGS TO THOSE OF US
WITH COURAGE TO MAKE OF IT WHAT WE
WILL! A NIGHTMARE OF SHUDDERY TER-
ROR... OR A GOLDEN ERA OF GLORIOUS
DREAMS COME TRUE... YOU HAVE ONLY
TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM WHEN YOU
HAVE READ THIS GRIPPING TALE OF ----

9 "THE TWO FUTURES!"

**GOTHAM
CITY
DUMP**

GOTHAM UNIVERS-
SITY... WHERE THE
WISDOM OF THE
AGES IS CONCENT-
TRATED... AND MEN
LOOK OUT UPON THE
WORLD WITH CLEAR-
ER VISION THAN MOST
OF US POSSESS...

ACROSS THE SHADED CAMPUS STRIDE TWO FIGURES WHOSE COSTUMES BLEND STRANGELY WITH THE CLASSICAL BACKGROUND.

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GO TO COLLEGE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, BATMAN. AND I THOUGHT YOUR EDUCATION WAS FINISHED!

AN INTELLIGENT PERSON IS NEVER THROUGH LEARNING, ROBIN!

PROFESSOR RANIER IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST HISTORIAN. HIS PREDICTIONS ARE USUALLY RIGHT!

AND YOU THINK HE CAN TELL US ABOUT THE FUTURE? OH, BOY!

WELL, WELL--THE BATMAN AND ROBIN! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS PUTTING YOU IN MY NEW BOOK ON MODERN HISTORY?

WE DIDN'T, PROFESSOR RANIER...WE CAME TO ASK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS WORRIED US!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER? HMMM--A LARGE ORDER!

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW THE ANSWER, SIR! EVEN IF IT'S BAD, WE THINK THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW!

HERE ARE PROFESSORS' PROBE AND CON...WE THREE HAVE GONE INTO THIS THOROUGHLY!

WE CAN GIVE YOU THE WHOLE STORY--BUT CAN YOU TAKE IT?

NOTHING GOOD EVER CAME, WITHOUT LABOR AND SACRIFICE...

WE CAN TAKE IT, IF IT'S TRUE--AND SO CAN EVERY OTHER REAL AMERICAN!

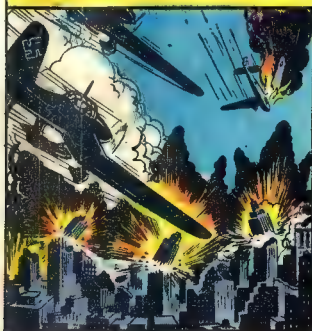
THE PIONEERS WHO BUILT OUR COUNTRY COULD TAKE IT, COULDN'T THEY?

VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN...IF YOU'LL STEP THIS WAY, WE SHALL GIVE YOU A REALISTIC PREVIEW OF THE WORLD OF THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE!

SOUNDS PRETTY SERIOUS...I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS!

A PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE! BY STRETCHING OUR IMAGINATIONS JUST A LITTLE, WE MAY SEE IT AS VIVIDLY AS IT IS SHOWN TO THE BATMAN AND ROBIN!... WE WILL REMEMBER THAT WHAT-EVER A MAN CAN IMAGINE IS POSSIBLE! YET IT'S OPPOSITE IS POSSIBLE ALSO! THUS MEN CAN DECIDE TO SINK OR STRIVE TOWARD THE LIGHT!

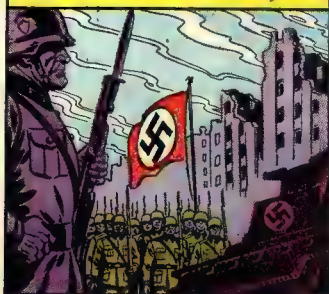
THE WAR THAT EVIL MEN PLOTTED THROUGH LONG YEARS WILL HARDLY END TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK ...



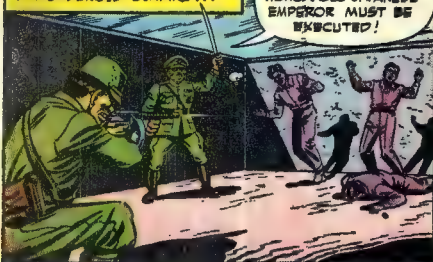
... YET THE DAY WILL SURELY COME WHEN THE DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION ARE GLUTTED, AND THE DOVE OF PEACE STRUTS ITS WINGS ONCE MORE...



BUT WHAT KIND OF A PEACE IS THIS THAT HAS COME TO GOTHAM CITY? AND WHO ARE THESE SOLDIERS WHO MARCH THE STREETS?



THE THUNDER OF BOMBS HAS CEASED... BUT NOT THE CHATTER OF MURDEROUS GUNFIRE ...



ALL AMERICANS WHO REFUSE TO KNEEL TO HONORABLE JAPANESE EMPEROR MUST BE EXECUTED!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES, THE GIBBET REARS ITS UGLY BEAMS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE...



THIS IS VERY RICH CITY! THE LOOTING IS VERY GOOD, YES?

ACHI! WE ARE SENDING VALUABLES TO DER FUHRER IN BERLIN!

AND THE CROWNING HORROR OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMP COMES INTO BEING...



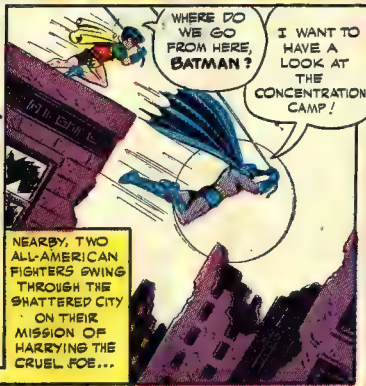
HUSH, MY LITTLE BABY! PERHAPS THEY WILL GIVE US FOOD BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!

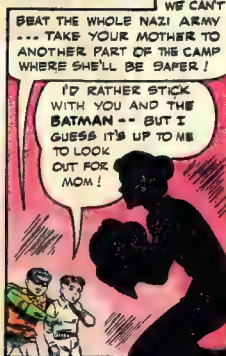
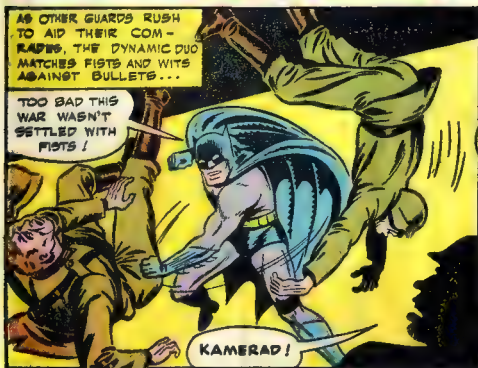
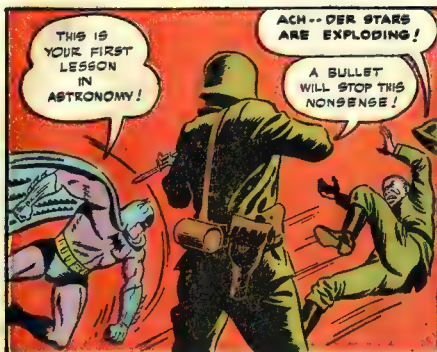
LITTLE BOBBY LOSAN BRAVES THE WRATH OF THE CONQUERORS TO COMFORT HIS MOTHER AND BABY BROTHER...



IT'S ALL THE FOOD I COULD FIND MOM... BUT I'LL KEEP ON LOOKING!

BOBBY, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL! I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF THEY CAUGHT YOU, TOO!





LET ME GO! I'D RATHER DIE FIGHTING BESIDE HIM, NEVER FEAR-- BUT NOT FIGHTING!

YOU SHALL DIE BESIDE HIM, NEVER FEAR-- BUT NOT FIGHTING!



LATER, IN A SLIMY BASEMENT THAT HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A DUNGEON...



IF THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT US, WHY DIDN'T THEY DO IT RIGHT AWAY?

THEY'VE FOUND OUT WHO WE ARE AND THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF OUR EXECUTION!

NIGHT... AND THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF THE PRISON CAMP CREEPS A TINY, DETERMINED FIGURE...



GEE -- THEY'LL SHOOT ME IF THEY SEE ME! BUT I GOTTA SEE IF I CAN HELP THE BATMAN!

THERE THEY ARE! THERE'S ROBIN AN' THE BATMAN -- AN' A GUARD READY TO SHOOT THE MINUTE HE GETS SUSPICIOUS!



GOTTA MAKE HIM BEND DOWN SO I CAN HIT HIM WHERE HIS HELMET WONT DO ANY GOOD!



A TINY MISSILE SNARLS THROUGH THE DIM-LIGHTED PRISON ROOM, AND...



ACH! SUCH A SUDDEN ACHE IN MEIN PET CORN!

HUH? SOMETHING IS HAPPENING!

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN... THIS MAY BE OUR CHANCE!

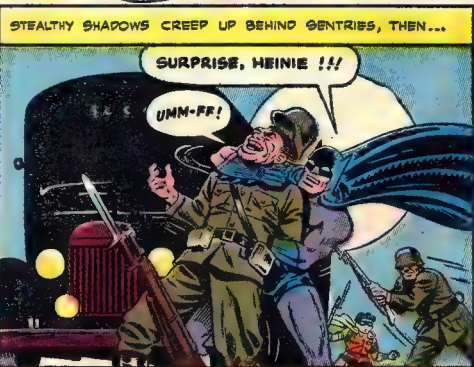
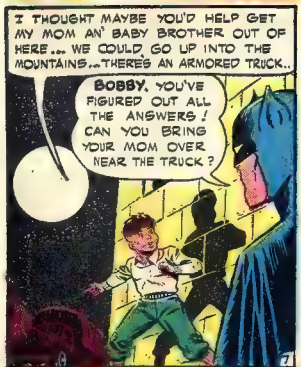
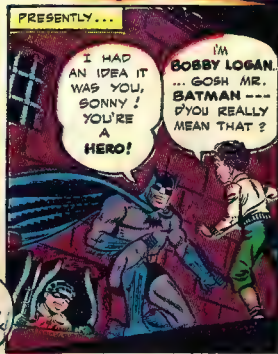
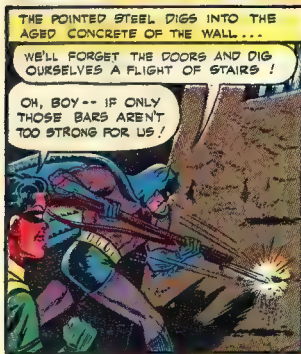
FIRST HIS FOOT, THEN HIS HEAD! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

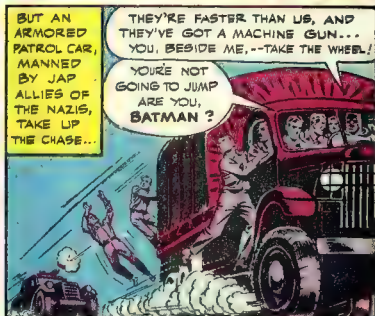
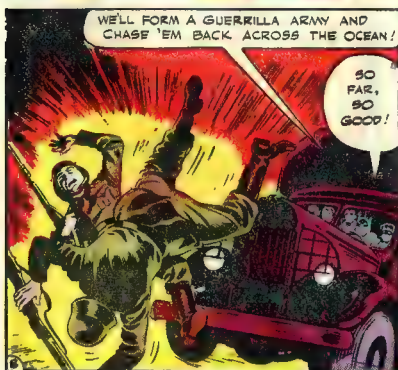
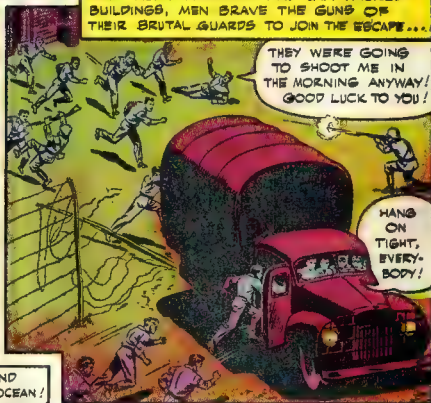
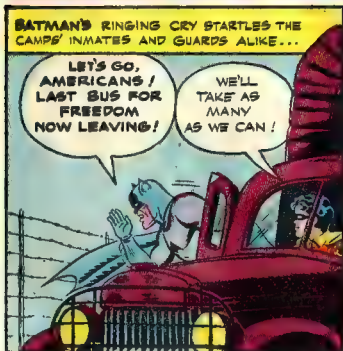


THE NEXT INSTANT...

AMNN!

SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO HELP US, FELLA -- AND I THINK I KNOW WHO!





HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAINS !
I'LL SLOW UP THESE JAPS !

I'M
STAYING
WITH YOU,
BATMAN !

THESE YELLOW DEVILS ARE
GOING TO HAVE A BLOWOUT !

I
HOPE !

A BURSTING TIRE ... A SCREECH OF BRAKES...
SHRILL CRIES OF TERROR ... AND...

GOT THEM !
NOW THOSE
PEOPLE WILL
GET AWAY !

BUT
OTHERS
ARE
FOLLOWING !

CRASH

STEEL-JACKETED SLUGS SNARL LIKE ANGRY
HORNETS AROUND THE HEROIC DUO AS THEY
DART INTO THE PATH OF THE PURSUERS...

WE'VE GOT TO DELAY THEM !
THERE'S JUST A CHANCE
THEY'LL STOP TO CAPTURE
US !

HOW ABOUT
A LIFT, RATS--?
AND I DON'T
MEAN ON
YOUR FENDER!

... AND SOME OF THE
SLUGS FIND THEIR
MARK...

THEY GOT
ME ---
AND
ROBIN, TOO!

NEXT MORNING...

I WOULDN'T MIND
SO MUCH IF I
KNEW BOBBY AND
HIS MOTHER
WERE ALL RIGHT,
BATMAN !

THEY'LL
HAVE TO
HIDE LIKE
ANIMALS
IN THE MOUN-
TAINS,
ROBIN --
BUT, WITH LUCK
THEY'LL
SURVIVE !

FOOLS.
TO THINK
YOU COULD
SAVE
DEMOCRACY!...

DEMOCRACY DOESN'T NEED
SAVING... YOU CAN KILL
US BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO KILL
IT WHILE AN
AMERICAN
LIVES !

TELL
ADOLF THAT
FOR US !

AMERICA'S FUTURE ! NOT A VERY PRETTY
ONE, IF WE ARE TO LET THIS VERSION OF IT
STAND... BUT WAIT ! THE BATMAN AND
ROBIN ARE PROTESTING AND THE WISE
HISTORIANS HAVE MORE TO SAY
ON THE SUBJECT...

FOR ONCE, THE JUDGMENT
OF THE LEARNED PROFESSORS
IS HOTLY
DISPUTED...

YOU MAY BE
FAMOUS
PROFESSORS BUT
YOU'RE **WRONG!**
NOTHING
LIKE THAT
COULD EVER
HAPPEN
HERE!

IT WOULD
MEAN THE **END**
OF **EVERYTHING**
WE
CHERISH!

PATIENCE, GENTLEMEN... IF
THE PEOPLE ARE INDIFFERENT-
IF THEY DO NOT DO THEIR
FULL SHARE IN THIS TOTAL
WAR - IT
COULD
HAPPEN
HERE!

IT
HAPPENED IN
POLAND,
HOLLAND,
FRANCE!

IT
HAPPENED IN
SHANGHAI,
SINGAPORE,
JAVA!

THEN WHAT YOU'RE REALLY
SHOWING US IS WHAT
WE CAN AVOID BY BEING
READY FOR WHATEVER COMES!

IT'LL BE A DIFFERENT
STORY IF OUR FIGHTERS
ARE ON THEIR TOES, EH?

NOT ONLY
FOR OUR UNI-
FORMED FIGHT-
ERS, **ROBIN...**
EVERY MAN,
WOMAN AND
CHILD MUST WIN
THIS WAR!

AND NOW LET US BEAR OUR IMAGINATION
TO ANOTHER KIND OF FUTURE FOR AMERICA--
A FUTURE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE STAND
SOLIDLY BEHIND FIGHTING FORCES SECOND
TO NONE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

LIKE A BIRD OF PREY, THE
BATMAN SWOOPS TO THE
ATTACK...

ABROAD, THE AXIS HORDE BOWS
BEFORE THE ALLIED MIGHT WHILE AT
HOME THE **BATPLANE** TYPIFIES A
NATION'S VIGILANCE!

THE DIRECTIONAL
WAVE FINDER
SHOWS THAT THE
ENEMY BROAD-
CASTING STATION
IS RIGHT AROUND
HERE, **BATMAN!**

I'LL TAKE HER
DOWN AND WHEN
WE SIGHT THE
AERIAL MASTS,
YOU TAKE THE
CONTROLS!

THERE
THEY
ARE!

JUST IN
TIME, TOO!
THE SPIES ARE
SENDING OUT
SECRET MILITARY
INFORMATION TO
AN AXIS FLEET
AT SEA!

TAKE
CARE
OF
YOURSELF!

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
EVERYBODY
CONCERNED!

WITHIN THE SECRET RADIO STATION...

JA--DER AMERICAN FLEET
IS SAILING NORTH OF
GOTHAM CITY

TELL HONORABLE
ADMIRAL ALBO
PATROL PLANES
ARE WITH
FLEET!

VOT 198?
HOW MANY
TROOPS ARE
AT DER
FORTS
NOW?

SUDDENLY...

AN
AMERICAN!
IT IS
UNFAIR!

HERE'S SOME CON-
FIDENTIAL INFOR-
MATION FOR YOU
SNEAK-PUNCHERS!

YOU
CANNOT TRUST
THESE
YANKES!

STATION S-P-Y
IS SIGNING OFF!

DER
BATMAN
WILL
DIE!

THE RINGING IN YOUR EARS IS
THE
LIBERTY
BELL!

HAVE
JUST RE-
MEMBERED
IMPORTANT
APPOINT-
MENT ELSE
WHERE!

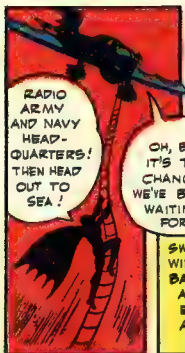
I'LL
GIVE YOU
SOMETHING
ELSE
TO
REMEMBER!

SO SORRY..
NOT
UNDERSTAND
ENGLISH!

REMEMBER
PEARL HARBOR!

SECRET MESSAGES WARN
THE BATMAN OF AN IMPEN-
DING ATTEMPTED INVASION...

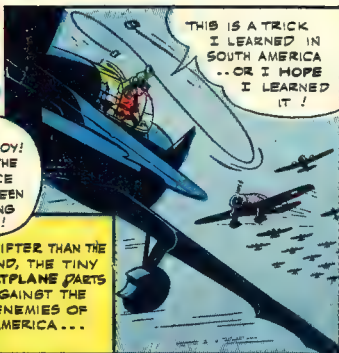
A COMBINED JAP AND NAZI
FLEET IS ADVANCING ON
GOTHAM CITY! A LAST DE-
SPERATE EFFORT! THIS CALLS
FOR FAST WORK!



RADIO
ARMY
AND NAVY
HEAD-
QUARTERS!
THEN HEAD
OUT TO
SEA!

OH, BOY!
IT'S THE
CHANCE
WE'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR!

SWIFTER THAN THE
WIND, THE TINY
BATPLANE DARTS
AGAINST THE
ENEMIES OF
AMERICA...



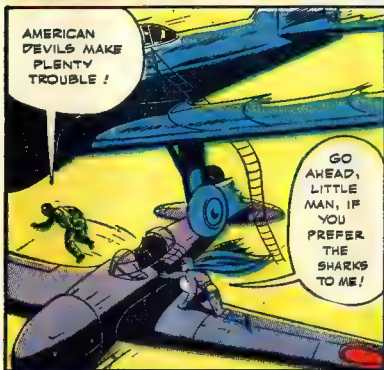
THIS IS A TRICK
I LEARNED IN
SOUTH AMERICA
...OR I HOPE
I LEARNED
IT!



THE STEEL-TOUGH SILKEN
ROPE SNARES THE PROPELLORS
OF THE ATTACKING PLANES, AND...

FIRST SKY-
ROPING I EVER
DID-- AND IT'S
SURE-FIRE!

TAKE THE
CONTROLS,
ROBIN...
I'M GOING
PLACES!



AMERICAN
DEVILS MAKE
PLENTY
TROUBLE!

GO
AHEAD,
LITTLE
MAN, IF
YOU
PREFER
THE
SHARKS
TO ME!

GUIDING THE
CAPTURED PLANE
TOWARD THE
FLAGSHIP OF
THE AXIS FLEET,
THE BATMAN
TRANSFERS
TO THE BATPLANE!



THAT
OUGHT TO
HOLD THEM
FOR A
WHILE!

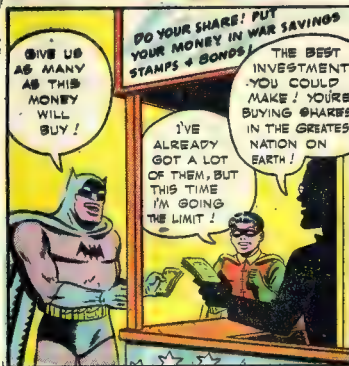
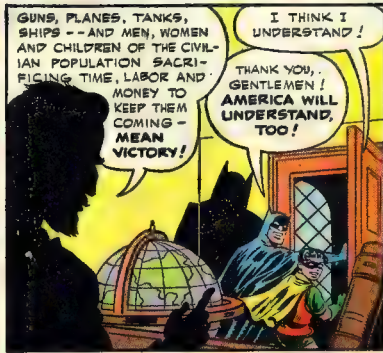
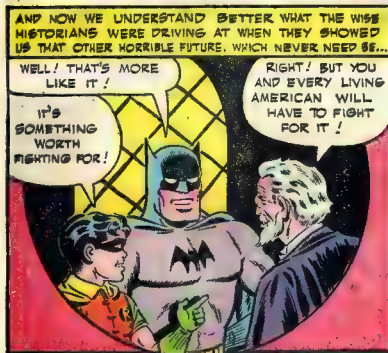
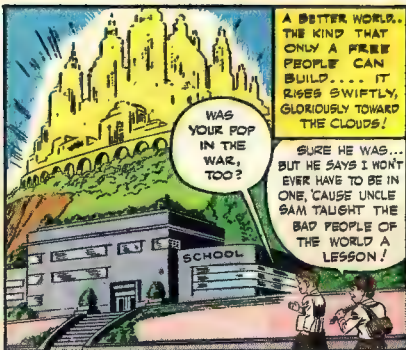
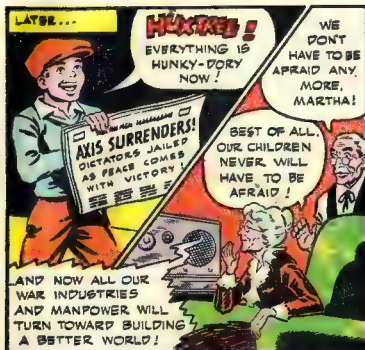
THEY'LL HAVE A
LONG SWIM BACK
TO WHERE THEY
CAME FROM!

WARNED BY THE BATPLANE'S RADIO, AMERICAN GUNS, PLANES AND SHIPS GO INTO ACTION...

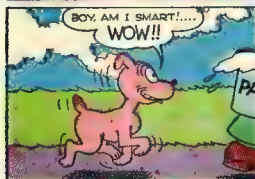
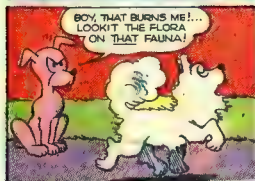
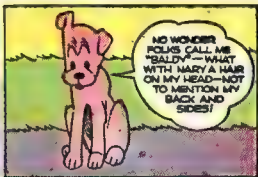


THERE'S OUR FLEET!
IT'S A GOOD THING
WE BUILT THOSE
NEW SHIPS!

AND IT'S A GOOD
THING WE BUILT UP
THE WORLD'S MOST
POWERFUL AIR FORCE!
LOOK AT THEM KNOCK-
ING THE ENEMY RIGHT
OUT OF THE SKY!



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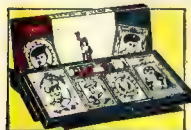
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A LUCKY BREAK

by Dan Darcy

(Here is a story to test your powers of observation. The clue is contained in the body of the story. Can you find it?)

THE thin, fine drizzle that had been falling all day long did not abate at night-fall. It was midnight now, and the soft rain, falling on the long black raincoat of the man who made his way unobserved toward the sleeping household in the fashionable Lake Hill Section was almost soundless.

The man made his way easily over the high wire fence that surrounded the house, but it was an unusual way. He literally flew through the air, soaring over the electrified fence on the tall pole he had been carrying in his hand.

The man's name was Charters. He was a thief, one of the best second story men in the business. He always worked alone and, unlike most thieves, he always kept himself in perfect physical trim.

It paid off. Lots of times. Like this one. If he hadn't known something about pole vaulting he couldn't have cleared the fence so agilely, or could he have held onto the pole, snapping it over the fence after him in a magnificent, fluid motion.

* * *

Charters had nothing but contempt for the Mead family, who lived in this house. Contempt because he knew that in an ancient wall safe that he could crack in a few minutes was the famous Mead necklace. People who thought an electrified fence was sufficient protection against mar-

auders didn't deserve consideration, Charters thought. They deserved to lose their valuables.

A few moments later, a thin piece of steel was being pressed expertly against the ineffective lock of the French windows leading to the library. The safe was in there. Charters knew this because, from his vantage point in the hills, he had watched the room for days, through powerful field glasses. There was no alarm on the safe. He had seen no one trying to use one.

Nevertheless, he breathed a little easier when the safe opened. No sound had rung through the house to betray him.

In the thin finger of light from his pencil flash he opened the velvet covered case extracted from the safe. He caught himself in time to suppress the audible gasp that surely would have emanated from his lips.

The necklace was everything the newspapers and magazines had said it was. It was breath-taking in its beauty, each gem pure and glowing, as though the fresh blood of life poured into each facet. Almost reluctantly, Charters slipped the box into his pocket. Then he carefully locked the safe, went through the French doors, which he closed after him, and vanished into the night.

* * *

From a fence, the necklace would bring a fancy price. Even at the exorbitant fees which these dealers with the underworld exacted, Charters would be in the heavy sugar for a long time.

But he had no intention of dealing with a fence. True, he intended to sell the necklace.

To the owners.

Foolhardy? Not Charters. Smart? Yes.

It wouldn't be the first time so bizarre a business transaction had been effected. It was absurdly simple, the way Charters had it figured out. The insurance company would be hooked for the entire amount of the necklace. There would be a substantial reward offered for its return. Why then, shouldn't a smart crook collect the reward? That was Charters' plan. And all he had to do was fool Jim Wharton, the smartest insurance detective in the business.

Charters had that figured out, too.

* * *

A week passed before opportunity presented itself, a week in which Charters busied himself in the lake on which his cabin was situated.

He had made no effort to hide himself in the three weeks he had been here. Daily, the guide came to take him to the best fishing spots. Charters liked fishing, he was a good sportsman, and an interesting conversationalist. The people in the village, from whom he purchased his daily needs, knew and liked him.

They did not suspect he was a crook. Perhaps, even, they wouldn't have believed anyone who said he was.

That's how smart Charters was. He was afraid of no one, not even Jim Wharton, who could have searched Charters'

cabin and not found the necklace. The getaway had been clean, without a witness. No one had anything on Charters, not this time. Or any other.

* * *

Naturally, word of the robbery had spread around the village: a domestic had let it leak out.

Charters, an excellent actor, manifested complete surprise when Bowers, his guide, told him about it.

"You mean," he gasped, "the thief got past an electrified fence without being shocked?"

"Yessirree," chirruped Bowers, savoring Charters' incredulity. "He sure did, Mr. Charters. The police can't figure it out. Nohow."

Charters suppressed a smile. Naturally they couldn't. They were stupid. And they'd never find the vaulting pole, either, because that was ashes now.

So he said: "Well, keep me informed Ed, I like gossip."

That had been the day after the robbery.

And now, a week later, Charters was ready to spring his *coup de grace*.

He was sitting outside his cabin now, awaiting the arrival of the Sheriff. In his lap he held a waterproof bag, containing the Mead necklace.

The sky was blue now that the cloudburst was over and the lake was calm and serene. It wouldn't be long now before the Sheriff showed up, and with him Jim Wharton.

Charters was confident. He smiled as he recalled the Sheriff's astonished gasp on the phone. "You found the Mead necklace in the lake?"

It was all so simple. They couldn't hold him, Charters, for the theft. You didn't arrest people who tried to return something that was stolen. You paid them the reward.

* * *

"And that's all I'm after, Jim," Charters said earnestly, a half hour later, to the lean, grave-faced man who sat outside the cabin and listened to his story. "You know I quit the racket."

"I know you said you did," Wharton replied. "And your story sounds okay." He puffed on a pipe. "Still it seems strange that you should be out in an outboard during a cloudburst."

Charters smiled easily. "Why not. Bowers, my guide, says the best fishing on the lake is done when the water is rough, or it's raining. I was chugging across to fish and had just put out when I saw the object on the bottom. I waded out then to investigate. It was this case, with the necklace in it. You can imagine my surprise."

"Yes," Wharton said drily. "I can." He got to his feet. "Mind if I look at the spot?"

"Not a bit. I'll take you out."

"Never mind. I noticed oars in your boat. I'll just paddle out."

Charters watched him easily as he rode out. Wharton seemed unfamiliar with the handling of oars, chopping out at the water.

"You're sure a lucky man, Mr. Charters," the Sheriff said, enviously. "There's a big reward out for this pecklace."

"I can use it," Charters said.

He watched Wharton carelessly. The man seemed to be inspecting the spot rather closely. For just a moment, Charters felt uneasy. Then his old confidence returned. What had he to fear? They had nothing on him, not even a fingerprint around the house. He had taken good care of that.

* * *

He looked toward the path, seeing a figure approaching the house. It was Bowers, the

guide. "I just heard about it, Mr. Charters," he said, when he reached the front of the cabin. "Wish I'd been with you when you found it."

Charters laughed. "You should never have told me to go fishing during a storm. Why, I might be here all summer and not pass the spot again. It was just a lucky break."

He smiled up at Wharton, who had returned to hear the last words. "Right, Wharton?"

The detective nodded. "Right," he corroborated. "Lucky breaks help a lot. Like having this guide, here, now."

Charters stared at him. "What do you mean?"

He quailed beneath the detective's gaze. "What are you driving at?"

Wharton directed his eyes to Bowers. "What would you say, son, if I asked you whether anyone could see bottom during a heavy rainstorm on the lake?"

Bowers tut-tutted. "Now, mister," he said. "That's a very childish question. On a clear day, naturally, anyone could see bottom on this lake. But—"

"That's all I want to know," Wharton said. He had his cuffs out and before the astonished Charters could move, had snapped them on the thief's wrist. "Come on, Charters," he said. "Your little stunt didn't work. It was just a little too smart. Listen . . ."

Why did Charters submit to arrest? How did he know the detective had fathomed his ruse?

Because Bowers clearly indicated that during a storm, water becomes agitated. It would have been virtually impossible to see anything on the bottom, as you probably know."

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SHORTY

THIS PARROT BELONGED
TO AN OLD PIRATE
CAPTAIN!

IT WAS SWELL OF THAT OLD
SAILOR TO GIVE ME THIS PARROT.
I THINK I'LL GIVE IT
MY CAPTAIN!

I PICKED THIS UP
ON SHORE AND
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
LIKE A PET

IT WAS THOUGHTFUL
OF SHORTY TO THINK
OF ME!

AWRK
THE CAPTAIN IS
AN OLD THIEF!
WOTTA PUNK -
AWRK!

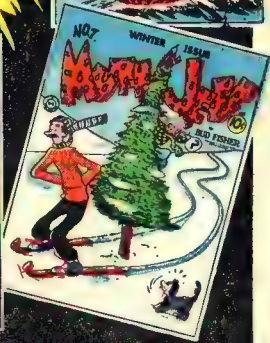
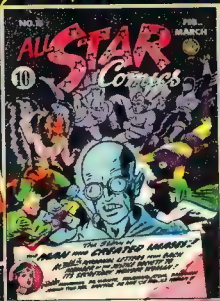
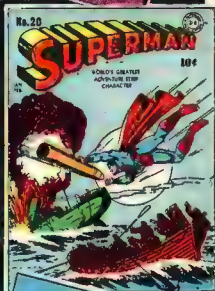
AWRK -
I HATE THE
OLD CAPTAIN!

WAIT 'LL I GET MY HANDS
ON SHORTY!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
THE CAPTAIN TOSSING ME IN THE
BRIG - AFTER ME GIVING
HIM SUCH A NICE GIFT!



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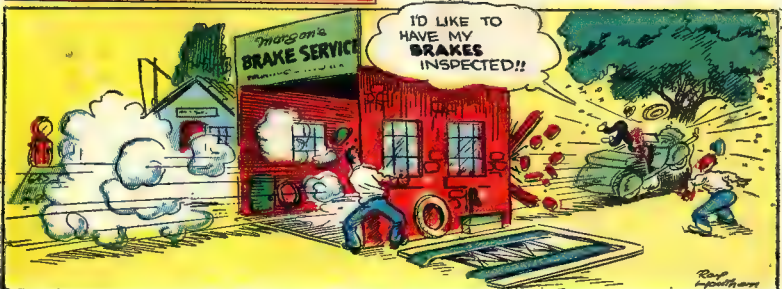
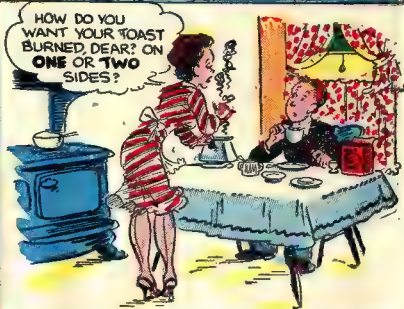
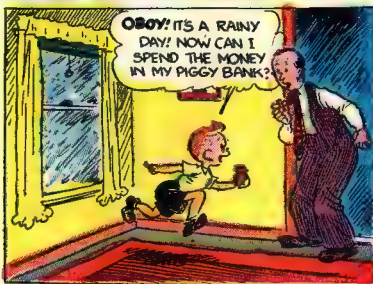
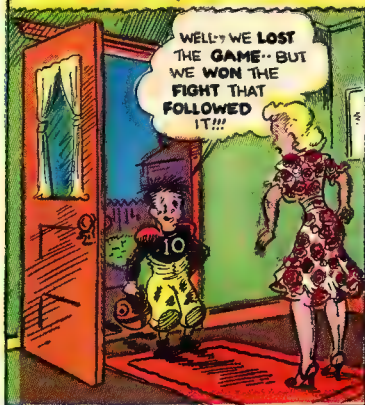


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EVERYWHERE!**



LIFE'S LITTLE LAFFS

By
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WITH

ROBIN

BOB
KANE

"MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO LOVERS OF HIGH ADVENTURE
EVERYWHERE!"

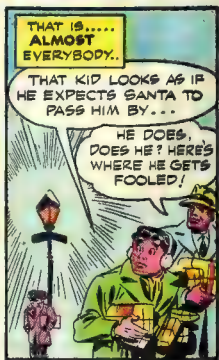
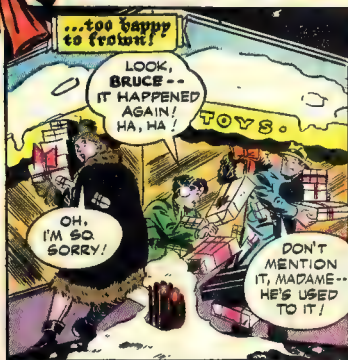
BATMAN AND ROBIN!

WHEN THE MIGHTY CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE SWEEP ACROSS A WINTER'S NIGHT, CARRYING HAPPINESS TO STRANGE, SAD PLACES, A VENGEFUL UNDERWORLD CHIEFTAIN SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE TREACHEROUSLY AT HIS MOST HATED ENEMIES! TEARS AND LAUGHTER, THRILLS AND HAIRBREADTH ESCAPES, ROMANCE AND PERIL--ALL THESE BLEND INTO AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE **BATMAN AND ROBIN** MEET ---

"THE LONELIEST MEN
IN THE WORLD."

Merry Christmas

XMAS
CARDS





THAT
YOUNGSTER
HAS HIS
MOTHER-- BUT
A LOT OF PEOPLE
HAVE NO FAMILIES
AT ALL!

WE'RE LUCKY
ALL RIGHT...
WE HAVE EACH
OTHER, AND
ONE OF THE
FINEST
HOMES IN
GOTHAM CITY!



DOZENS OF
FRIENDS SEND
US PRESENTS...
BUT SOME
PEOPLE HAVE
NO FRIENDS!

IT MUST BE
AWFUL TO BE LONELY
AT CHRISTMAS! YOU KNOW,
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD
TO JUST ENJOYING
OURSELVES-- BUT...

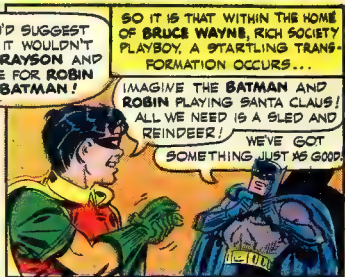
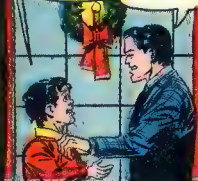


BUT
WHAT,
DICK?

WELL,
WOULDN'T IT
BE NICE IF
WE COULD
BRING SOME
CHEER TO--
WELL, LET
ME
SEE...

I'VE GOT IT! TO THE
LONELIEST MEN IN THE
WORLD!

I WAS HOPING YOU'D SUGGEST
IT! ONLY I FIGURE IT WOULDN'T
BE A JOB FOR DICK GRAYSON AND
BRUCE WAYNE-- BUT ONE FOR ROBIN
AND THE BATMAN!



SO IT IS THAT WITHIN THE HOME
OF BRUCE WAYNE, RICH SOCIETY
PLAYBOY, A STARTLING TRANS-
FORMATION OCCURS...

IMAGINE THE BATMAN AND
ROBIN PLAYING SANTA CLAUS!
ALL WE NEED IS A SLED AND
REINDEER! WE'VE GOT
SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD.



WORKING SWIFTLY, THE
PAIR MAKES MANY TRIPS
THROUGH THE TUNNEL THAT
CONNECTS THE HOUSE WITH
THE SECRET HANGAR OF
THAT SENSATIONAL CRAFT,
THE BATPLANE...

ONE MORE TRIP AND
WE'RE READY TO
START!

IT WOULDN'T
TAKE MANY
MORE TRIPS
LIKE THIS
TO FINISH
ME!



PRESENTLY...

HOW DO YOU
LIKE IT?

IT'S A REGULAR SANTA CLAUS
SLED, WITH RUNNERS, SLEIGH
BELLS AND EVERYTHING!...THIS
IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN
ANYTHING WE'VE DONE IN A
LONG TIME!

RIGHT,
ROBIN!...BUT
FUN ISN'T
ALL YOU AND
THE BATMAN
ARE GOING
TO ENCOUNTER
IN THIS NIGHT'S
ADVENTURE!
...FOR THE
SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS
HAS NEVER YET
PENETRATED
THE DARK
DEPTHS OF THE
UNDERWORLD
...AND THE
UNDERWORLD
HAS NEVER
CEASED TO
HATE AND
FEAR
WHAT YOU
STAND FOR!

A WEIRD, BATWINGED
SHAPE SOARS INTO THE
GRAY WINTER SKY BOUND
ON THE STRANGEST VOYAGE
IT HAS EVER ATTEMPTED...

BATMAN, WHO DO YOU THINK IS
THE LONELIEST MAN ON EARTH?

I'M NOT SURE, ROBIN--
BUT I HAVE A LIST OF
THREE WHO AREN'T
FAR FROM IT!

THERE'S POLICE
HEADQUARTERS...
AND THERE ARE
LIGHTS IN COMMISS-
SIONER GORDON'S
OFFICE!

HE ISN'T ON
MY LIST, BUT IT
WON'T HURT TO
STOP IN AND
GIVE HIM THE
SEASON'S
GREETINGS!

WE FIND COMMISSIONER
GORDON IN CONFERENCE WITH
ONE DIRK DAGNER, A NOTORIOUS
CHIEF OF AN UNDERWORLD
GANG...

YOU OUGHT TO BE-
LIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS,
DIRK! WE'RE NOT LET-
TING YOU GO BECAUSE
WE WANT TO, BUT BECAUSE
WE CAN'T PROVE YOU WERE
MIXED UP IN THOSE HOLDUPS!

I'LL BELIEVE IN
SANTA CLAUS
WHEN I READ
THE BATMAN'S
OBITUARY!

THE NEXT INSTANT...

DID I HEAR SOMEONE
TALKING ABOUT US?

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!
YOU
CERTAINLY
DID!

HUH?...
LISTEN, IF
YOU GUYS CAME
HERE TO MAKE
TROUBLE FOR
ME--

MAYBE LATER,
DIRK... BUT
JUST NOW
WE'RE BUSY
CELEBRATING
CHRISTMAS!

AND WE'VE
THOUGHT UP
A BRAND NEW
WAY TO DO IT!

HOW ABOUT
LETTING ME IN
ON THE SECRET?

BAH!

FIRST, WE'RE GIVING A
SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE
DOORMAN AT THE SWANKY
CRANE CLUB! THEN WE'LL
CALL ON LINK CHESNEY,
THE RADIO HUMORIST AND
THE GLOOMIEST MAN IN
GOTHAM CITY...

FINALLY WE'LL VISIT THE
OLD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER
AT PIRATE REEF WHO
SPENDS MONTHS ON END
ALL BY HIMSELF!

THAT
SENTIMENTAL
STUFF GIVES
ME A PAIN!

I ONLY WISH
I COULD GO
WITH
YOU!

BUT AS DIRK DAGNER
LEAVES HEADQUARTERS
A FREE MAN, HIS CUNNING
BRAIN IS BUSY...

AND IT ALSO
GIVES ME AN IDEA
HOW TO MAKE SOME
POUGH AND AT THE
SAME TIME
GIVE THE
BATMAN THE
WORST CHRIST-
MAS HE EVER
HAD!

MINUTES LATER, IN AN UNDERWORLD RENDEZVOUS...

...AND BESIDES GIVING OURSELVES A FEW GRAND FOR CHRISTMAS, WE'LL MAKE THE BATMAN LOOK LIKE THE BIGGEST SAP IN TOWN!

DIRK, YOU GOTTA GREAT MIND!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



MEANWHILE, AT THE ULTRA EXCLUSIVE CRANE CLUB, A SIMPLE MAN PERFORMS A ROUTINE HE HAS FOLLOWED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YE, MR. ROCKMAKER!

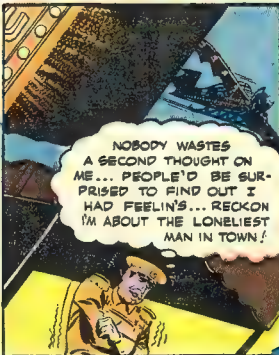
HHMM? OH, YES, BEN... THE SAME TO YOU!



IT'S MIGHTY COLD... I'D LIKE TO SPEND JUST ONE CHRISTMAS EVE INSIDE WITH THOSE RICH FOLKS I'VE BEEN BOWIN' TO ALL THESE YEARS... BUT NO SUCH LUCK FOR OLD BEN BOTTS!



NOBODY WASTES A SECOND THOUGHT ON ME... PEOPLE'D BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT I HAD FEELIN'S... RECKON I'M ABOUT THE LONELIEST MAN IN TOWN!

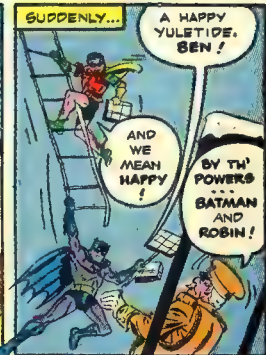


SUDDENLY...

A HAPPY YULETIDE, BEN!

AND WE MEAN HAPPY!

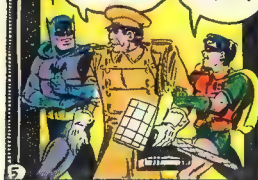
BY TH' POWERS... BATMAN AND ROBIN!



YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A PARTY INSIDE!

BUT-- BUT-- WHO'S GOIN' TO HELP THE RICH FOLKS OUTA THEIR CARS?

IF THEY CAN'T GET OUT BY THEMSELVES, LET THEM STAY THERE!

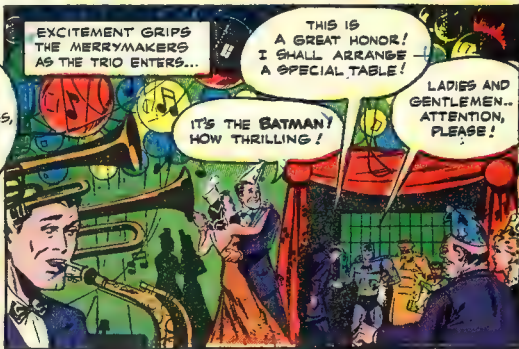


EXCITEMENT GRIPS THE MERRYMAKERS AS THE TRIO ENTERS...

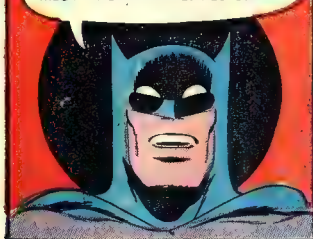
THIS IS A GREAT HONOR! I SHALL ARRANGE A SPECIAL TABLE!

IT'S THE BATMAN! HOW THRILLING!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.. ATTENTION, PLEASE!



MOST OF US GO THROUGH LIFE PAYING TOO LITTLE ATTENTION TO PEOPLE AROUND US... BUT THIS IS ONE NIGHT WHEN THE MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB IN TOWN MIGHT WELL REMEMBER ITS MOST NEGLECTED EMPLOYEE...



BEN BOTT, VETERAN DOORMAN! IN ALL HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, NEVER ONCE HAS HE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN YOUR FUN! NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE ALL THAT!

I REALLY OUGHT TO BE OUTSIDE! NO ONE ELSE KNOWS ALL THE PATRONS! SOME OUTSIDER MIGHT GET IN AND DISGRACE ME!

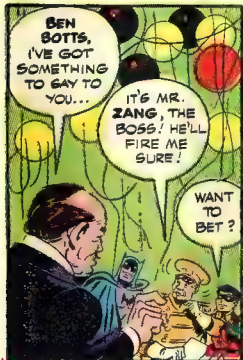
HOORAY FOR BEN!



BEN BOTT, I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU...

IT'S MR. ZANG, THE BOSS! HE'LL FIRE ME SURE!

WANT TO BET?



BEN, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT APPRECIATING YOU! FOR CHRISTMAS I'M RAISING YOUR PAY! TO-NIGHT, YOU ARE THE GUEST OF PROUDDEST THE CLUB!

THIS IS THE MOST PROUDEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE!



WHY, BEN-- YOU MUSTN'T CRY ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, MA'AM-- I CAN'T HELP IT, I'M S-SO H-HAPPY!

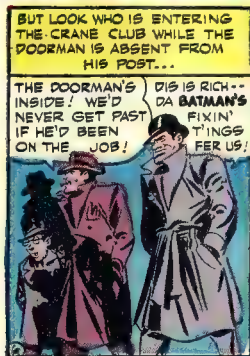
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW..



BUT LOOK WHO IS ENTERING THE CRANE CLUB WHILE THE DOORMAN IS ABSENT FROM HIS POST...

THE DOORMAN'S INSIDE! WE'D NEVER GET PAST IF HE'D BEEN ON THE JOB!

DIS IS RICH-- DA BATMAN'S FIXIN' T'INGS FER US!

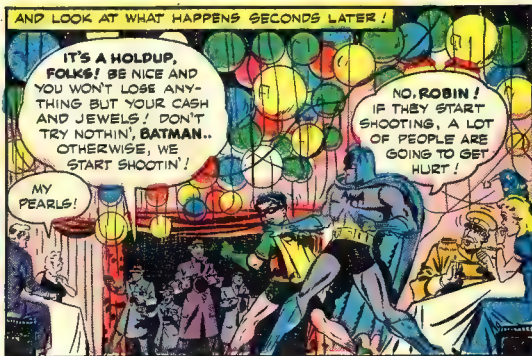


AND LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS SECONDS LATER!

IT'S A HOLDUP, FOLKS! BE NICE AND YOU WON'T LOSE ANYTHING BUT YOUR CASH AND JEWELS! DON'T TRY NOTHIN', BATMAN.. OTHERWISE, WE START SHOOTIN'!

MY PEARLS!

NO, ROBIN! IF THEY START SHOOTING, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT!



A MOMENT AGO ONE OF THE
HAPPIEST MEN YOU COULD FIND,
POOR BEN BOTTS IS ALL AT
ONCE ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC

OH, WHY DID I LET
THE BATMAN DRAG
ME INSIDE? I'D
NEVER HAVE LET
THESE CROOKS
GET PAST ME!
NOW I'M DIS-
GRACED---MY
PERFECT RECORD
SPOILED.

LET'S LOOKIT
YOUR PRESENTS!
MAYBE I'LL
TAKE 'EM ALONG
TO REMEMBER
THE BATMAN
BY! KEEP
'EM COVERED,
SPIKE!

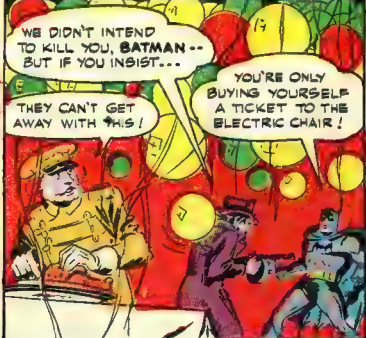
WHAT A
SHAME! WE
WANTED TO
CHEER BEN UP
-- AND WE'VE
ONLY MADE HIM
MISERABLE...

I'M
HAVING
A
BRAIN-
STORM...

WHAT'S
DIS?

A NEW KIND OF
SEAT-CANE, A HANDY
GADGET FOR A MAN
WHO SPENDS A LOT OF
TIME ON HIS FEET---
LET ME SHOW
YOU HOW
IT WORKS!

OKAY,
KID--BUT
NO FUNNY
STUFF OR
YOU GET
THIS GUN!





CREATE A
DISTURBANCE
IN THE CRANE
CLUB. WILL
YE!

TAKE A
GOOD BITE,
DIRK! IT'S
BETTER THAN
PRISON GRUB!



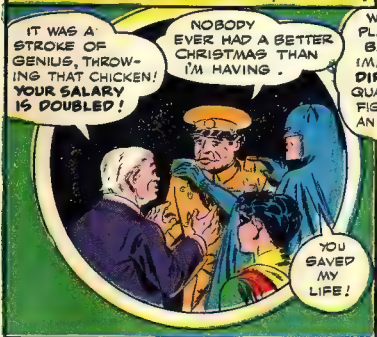
I WON'T
FORGET THIS
BATMAN!
LET'S SCRAM,
MEN!!!

CAN'T
WE
CATCH
THEM?

LATER... BUT WE
CAN'T GET THROUGH
THIS CROWD IN TIME
TO STOP THEM NOW!

AND THE EVENING ENDS HAPPILY, AFTER ALL!

MINUTES LATER...

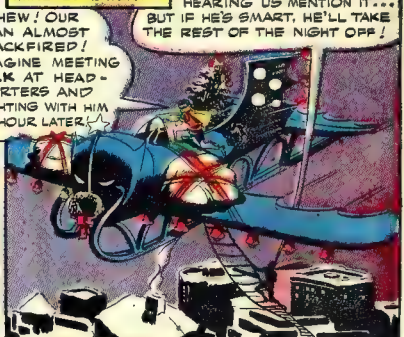


IT WAS A
STROKE OF
GENIUS, THROW-
ING THAT CHICKEN!
YOUR SALARY
IS DOUBLED!

NOBODY
EVER HAD A BETTER
CHRISTMAS THAN
I'M HAVING.

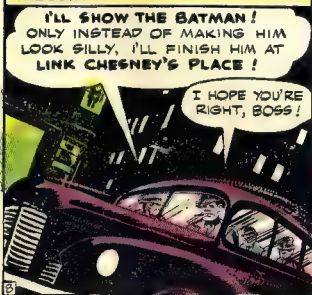
WHEW! OUR
PLAN ALMOST
BACKFIRED!
IMAGINE MEETING
DIRK AT HEAD-
QUARTERS AND
FIGHTING WITH HIM
AN HOUR LATER!

YOU
SAVED
MY
LIFE!



HE MUST HAVE
GOT THE IDEA OF ROBBING
THE CRANE CLUB FROM
HEARING US MENTION IT...
BUT IF HE'S SMART, HE'LL TAKE
THE REST OF THE NIGHT OFF!

BUT DIRK'S BRAIN, INFLAMED WITH
HATRED HAS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE
THOUGHT...



I'LL SHOW THE BATMAN!
ONLY INSTEAD OF MAKING HIM
LOOK SILLY, I'LL FINISH HIM AT
LINK CHESNEY'S PLACE!

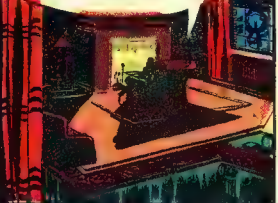
I HOPE YOU'RE
RIGHT, BOSS!

AND NOW MEET LINK
CHESNEY, A PARADOX
AMONG MEN---ONE
WHOSE SHARP WIT
MAKES MILLIONS
ROAR WITH LAUGHTER,
BUT WHO IS HIMSELF
STEEPED IN GLOOM!

CHRISTMAS EVE --
BAH! I HATE THE
SOUND OF IT!



WHO SHOULD KNOW
BETTER THAN I THE EMPTI-
NESS OF IT? PEOPLE ROAR
AT MY JOKES --- BUT THE
MINUTE MY BROADCASTS ARE
OVER, THEY FORGET ME!
LOOK AT ME TONIGHT--
THE LONELIEST MAN
IN AMERICA!



THE DOORBELL--
AND I GAVE
THE SERVANTS
THE NIGHT OFF
TO ENJOY THEM-
SELVES ---POOR,
SIMPLE SOULS!
SOMETIMES I
ENVY THEM
.....

MERRY
CHRISTMAS.
MR. CHESNEY!

YOU DONT MIND
US BARGING IN?

WELL, WELL --
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
COME IN---BUT I'M
AFRAID YOU WONT
FIND THE ATMOS-
PHERE VERY
PLEASANT!

NICE OF YOU
TO TRY AND
CHEER ME UP,
BUT IT'S NO
USE! PEOPLE
ARE COLD AND
THEY'VE
CHILLED ME
PERMANENTLY!

SURELY THERE
MUST BE A
SPARK OF
WARMTH IN
YOU TO
BRING OUT
ALL THOSE
JOKES
YOU TELL!

THOSE JOKES COME OUT OF MY
GAG FILE --- NEW ONES I'VE
BOUGHT AND OLD ONES WITH
NEW TWISTS! IT'S WORTH
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
OF DOLLARS-- BUT
THERE'S NOTHING
WARM OR HUMAN
ABOUT IT!

ABRUPTLY...

WE'RE
TAKING THAT
GAG FILE, CHESNEY
--BUT WE'RE LEAVING
YOU THE BIGGEST
JOKE YOU EVER
HEARD OF--ON
THE BATMAN
AND HIS
KID PAL!

YOU
AGAIN!

WH-
WHO---?
WH-
WHAT--?

JUST THE
GAME, I'M GOING
TO PROVE TO YOU,
BEFORE THE NIGHT
IS OVER, THAT THE WORLD
IS A FRIENDLY PLACE!

THIS TIME YOU'RE
FINISHED ---
ASHRAH!

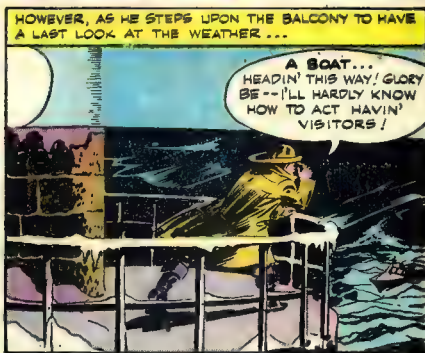
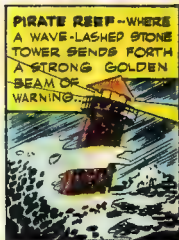
FROM ME TO YOU
WITH WOIST
WISHES!

I'LL GET YOU
FOR THAT,
SPIKE!

I DON'T
LIKE
FRESH
KIDS!

YOU RATS!
I'LL SEE THAT
YOU SUFFER
FOR THIS!

YOU WON'T
DO ANYTHING
IF YOU WANT
TO KEEP ON
LIVING!



MINUTES LATER...

A DIRTY NIGHT
TO BE OUT-- BUT
WE FELT SORRY
FOR YOU, THINK-
ING YOU MIGHT
HAVE TO SPEND
CHRISTMAS
ALONE...

BLESS YE,
STRANGER!
COME RIGHT
IN, AN' YER
FRIENDS
WITH YE!

INTERESTED IN THE
LIGHT, ARE YE? WELL,
IF I PULLED THAT
SWITCH ON THE WALL,
IN HALF AN HOUR, THE
SPANISH CASTLE WOULD
PROB'LY BE WRECKED
WITH WAR MATERIALS
WORTH MILLIONS!

THAT'S ALL
WE WANTED
TO KNOW!

HE'S OUT COLD! LIKE
TAKING CANDY AWAY
FROM A KID! AFTER
THE SHIP HITS THE
REEF, WE'LL LUG OFF
ENOUGH STUFF TO
MAKE US RICH, WHEN
WE PEDDLE IT TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDERS!

I ALWAYS SAID
YOU GOT THE
BEST HEAD 'IN!
THE RACKET!!

A BLACKOUT AT SEA
THREATENS THE LIVES
OF SCORES OF SAILORS--
--AND BACK IN
GOTHAM CITY,
PIRK DAGNER
"JOKE" IS
NEARING
ITS CLIMAX...

I'D RATHER DIE
THAN HARM YOU--
BUT I CAN'T STAND
LIKE THIS ANY
LONGER!

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
WAY OUT
--AND IT'S
NOT GOING
TO BE
EASY!

STEEL MUSCLES STRAIN TO THE UTMOST AS
THE BATMAN SLOWLY FORCES HIS POWERFUL
LEGS UPWARD WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT!

IF I CAN RAISE YOU ANOTHER
INCH OR TWO... THERE! NOW.
CAN YOU JUMP TO
MY SHOULDER AND
STEADY YOURSELF
BY LEANING
AGAINST THE
WALL?

IT
OUGHT TO
BE EASY,
COMPARED
TO WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE!

OOPS!
...MADE
IT-- WITH
NOTHING
TO SPARE!

AND NOW
A FOLLOW-
THROUGH!
THIS PART
IS
MORE
FUN!

WHAT'S
THE
BIG
IDEA?

SEIZING A PIECE OF THE FALLEN
BULB, THE BATMAN QUICKLY SEVERS
HIS BONDS...

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
GUESSED
GOONER, ROBIN! THIS ISN'T THE
FIRST TIME WE'VE GIVEN OURSELVES
A BREAK BY BREAKING GLASS!

WE'RE FREE--
BUT I STILL CAN'T
FEEL CHEERFUL! MY
VALUABLE FILE IS GONE...
THOSE CROOKS ARE UP
TO MORE DEVILTRY...
AND NOT ONE OF MY
RADIO LISTENERS HAS
BOtherED TO RE-
MEMBER ME!

IN A
COUPLE OF
SECONDS
YOU'LL SEE--
THERE! ANSWER
THE PHONE!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS LINK CHESNEY'S
FACE IS WREATHED IN A REAL SMILE AS HUNDREDS
OF GAY VOICES CALL OUT TO HIM AT ONCE!

FANS OF
MINE ALL
OVER THE

MERRY XMAS
LINK CHESNEY



IL-I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

COUNTRY, PHONING
IN ONE GREAT HOOK-
UP! THEY DIDN'T FOR-
GET!... BUT, OF COURSE,
IT WAS YOUR DOING,
BATMAN!

ROBIN
AND I ARE GOING TO
GET YOUR FILE
AND CATCH
THOSE CROOKS!



YOU'VE GIVEN
ME THE FINEST
CHRISTMAS PRESENT
A MAN COULD RECEIVE--
HAPPINESS AND FAITH IN
HIS FELLOWMEN!
GOOD LUCK TO YOU!

KEEP 'EM
LAUGHING!



SEAWARD STREAKS
THE BATPLANE --
A HURLTLING
VEHICLE OF
VENGEANCE THIS TIME..

THE LIGHT-
HOUSE IS DARK
AND A SHIP
IS HEADED
TOWARD THE
REEF!

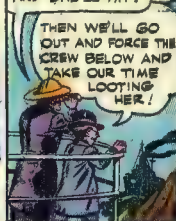


TAKE THE
CONTROLS AND
GET DOWN AS FAST
AS YOU CAN, ROBIN!
I'M GOING OVERSIDE!

FROM THE BALCONY
OF THE BLACKED-OUT
BEACON, THE CRIMINALS
WATCH THEIR UNUS-
PECT PREY AP-
PROACH ITS DOOM...

FIVE MORE MINUTES
AND SHE'LL HIT!

THEN WE'LL GO
OUT AND FORCE THE
CREW BELOW AND
TAKE OUR TIME
LOOTING
HER!

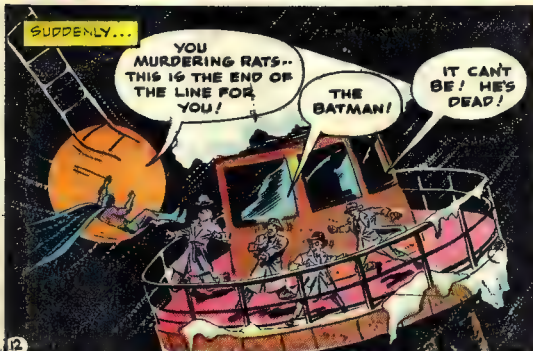


SUDDENLY...

YOU
MURDERING RATS--
THIS IS THE END OF
THE LINE FOR
YOU!

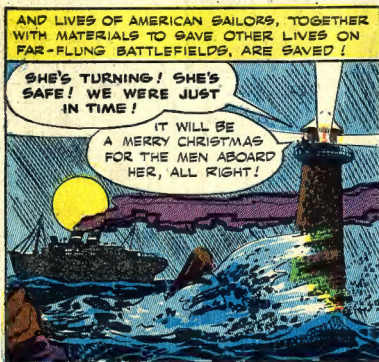
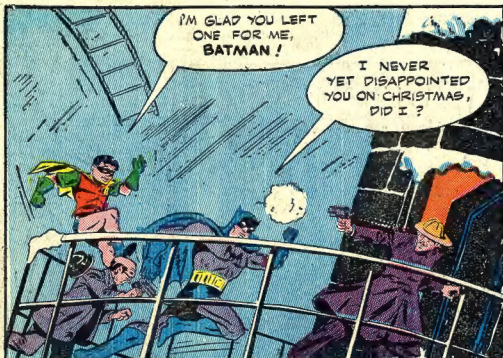
THE
BATMAN!

IT CAN'T
BE! HE'S
DEAD!



IF I'M DEAD, YOU'VE
BEEN HIT BY A
GHOST!





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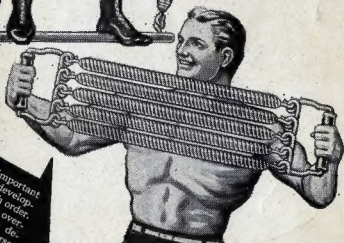
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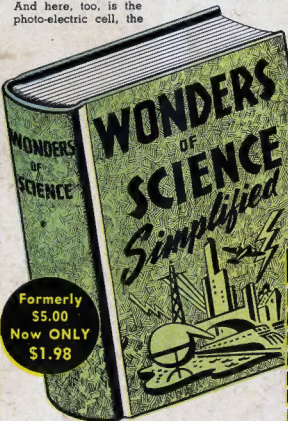
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